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Oman, PLO may upgrade ties

MUSCAT (AP) - Yasser Aradat arrived Saturday to a red carpet welcome by Sultan Quboos of Oman, amid reports the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) was to enjoy upgraded relations with the Sultanate. Arab diplomatic sources said the two leaders were to discuss relations at ambassadorial level. It was Arafat's second visit to the Sultanate since the creation of the PLO more them two decades ago. He visited Oman last January. Like other Arab countries, Oman recognised the Palestinian state when it was proclaimed in November 1988. But the PLO never opened an office in the Sultanate. Oman has been playing a more prominent role in Arab politics since the sultan became chairman of the Gulf Cooperation Council last month.

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AMMAN (J.T.) — The govern- organisations giving approval for tors, Finance Minister Basel Jar-

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King calls for highest-level Arab consultations on Lebanon

pressed hope that efforts exeried by the properties Arab League comunities would help resolve the civil conflict in Lebenon and called for Arab consultations on the highest on the strife-stricken country.

"All Arabs recognise Lebanou's independence, freedom, and sovereignly over the territories," the King was quoted as saying by Lebanon's Al Safir newspaper in an interview pairlished Saturday. "These will remain the objective and the right of the Lebanese people," he said. Excerpts of the interview was carried by the Jordan News Agescy, Petra.

The newspaper also quoted the King as calling for an end to all foreign military presence in Lebinon.

The King dealed having any form of contact with Labanon's ousted army chief Michel Acute, who is bolding out in the Christian coclave against the elected government of President Elias Hosai. "The problem in Lebason is personal and therefore Jordan does uto deal with it," he was quoted as saying.

On other issues, the King rejected israel's demand for the right to accept or veto Palestinian peace negotiators and said Jordan "acoperts the stand of the Painstine Liberation Organisation (PLO) on the issue."

Jordan is highly satisfied with the propert state of relations with the FLO characterised by mutual confidence, the King said. The King also rejected Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's contention that Irrael peeded to retain the occupied West Bank and Gaza to settle the expected wave of Sovjet Jewish immigrants to

Palestine. "Whom will these thousands (of immigrants) replace and where will the sons of Palestine

207" he seked. Noting that israel is a molear-armed state, the King said the only solution to the Arab-

Israeli conflict was the restoration of the rights of the Palestinian people. However, he said, 'Israel does not want to open a dialogue with the PLO of give up an inch of the occupied territories."

The King called for intensified Arab and international efforts to convene an international peace conference on the Middle East.

The King referred to the recent series of incidents on the demarcation line with Israel and called for inter-Arab consultations over the situation "since the dangers go beyond Jordan and Palestine to the heart of the Arab Homeland."



HM King Hussein

'alestinians assail Israel over Husseini's arrest

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Palestinians from across the political spectrum in the occupied territories assailed Israel Saturday for arresting nationalist leader Faisal Al Husseini, calling it a slap in the face

of peace. "This shows the Israeli government and its policies are against peace and against any measure that would take the area from violence into reality and safety." said journalist and prominent nationalist Radwan Abu Ayyash. Leaders from the occupied West Bank called a news conference in Arab Jernsalem at which they described as baseless and labricated allegations that Himsemi helped finance activists in

the 25-month-old uprising. Husseini, 49, universally regarded as the main leader of 1.75 million Palestinians in the occupied areas, was arrested Friday

for questioning about court documents alleging he paid aprising activists \$450 to buy pera-military

He desied the allegations, saying he paid the money for plumbing work in his Arab Jerucalem home.

Police also presented secret evidence and to show Hosteini had illegal contacts with "hostile organisations" and helped to organise the Palestinian revolt. His arrest was criticised by Israeli peace activists and the United States. Washington re-

gards Husseini as a key figure in

any future larach-Palestinian DOSCE THEY. U.S. State Department sopiceswoman Margaret Tetwiter said Friday that the move "sends precisely the wrong signal to the Palestinians at a time of intense efforts to establish a dialogue between them and the Israelis and move the process forward." Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat About Magnid, speaking to reporters after a meeting with Secretary of State James Baker in Washington, said the arrest was "something we extremely regret,

we don't like it." "I hope that Israel will not pursue such a matter because this is an obstacle to peace and we want to clear the atmosphere," he said

Jamil Hilal, deputy PLO spokesman, condemned Husscini's arrest as a "new Israchi effort to disrupt the peace pro-CCES. 14

"We arge the international community to pressure Israel to stop its intransigence and aggression." Hilai said in à statement distributed in Amman, "We call on the United States to stop its

and to take a positive attitude by recognizing the PLO." Several Western diplomats based in Jerusalem, including U.S. Consul-General Philip Wil-

cox, attended the news confer-

ence Saturday. Palestinians said Husseini's arrest was aimed at preventing Husseini and other Palestinians from wooing Israeli public opinion to support negotiations with the Palestine Liberation Orga-

nisation (PLO). Husseini has repeatedly advocated a peace dialogue to persuade all sectors of Israeli society of the need for a Palestinian state alongside the Jewish state.

"This arrest is a message from the Israeli government that they will not allow him to approach the Israeli public," said Ghassan Al Khatib, a communist policy of appearement and pro- academic from the West Bank

Mahmoud Al Zahhar, regarded as a leader of the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas) in the Gaza Strip, the main PLO rival in the occupied territories. also condemned Russeini's AITEST.

"If the Israelis intend to pave the way for the peace process, which requires a goodwill initiative, there is no justification for arresting Husseini," he told Reuters in a telephone interview.

Palestinian and Israeli activists said they would picket the jail in West Jerusalem where Husseini has been ordered held until Monday. Sources said Husseini's arrest

was apparently a political move

pressed optimism with the demoaimed at appeasing the Israeli cratic experience in Jordan and right and Jewish settlers rather than at prosecuting him. He has confidence that "this democracy been detained without trial for 18 can safeguard Jordan from any months out of the last three tampering or attempt to create internal rifts."

"Jordan's moves to ensure public freedom and hold democratic elections embarrassed the Israeli enemy to the point of fabricating allegations or jusing the infiltration of a recruit across the border to level threats," Prime Minister Mudar Badran said in an interview with the Iraqi

Badran criticised Israeli con-Minister Mudar Badran has extentions that "Jordan is part of Palestine.

> "Jordan is Jordan," Badran said. "This is not only our saying but that of the whole world's. Jordan is an independent and sovereign state and a member of the United Nations. The Arab Palestinian people in Jordan believe that Palestine is their actual homeland," Badran added.

Stressing that the day will come when the Palestinian people's rights will be restored. Badran

Jordan, prime minister says the Arab Nation will be along its side in the confrontation of Israeli

He told Reuters the Kingdom

had now agreed rescheduling

terms with eight of 14 creditor

governments grouped in the Paris

Under the Paris Club deal, all

hilateral agreements are due to

be signed by Feb. 28, but finan-

cial sources quoted by Renters

say progress has been slow with

the terms of the agreement with

France, one of Jordan's biggest

creditors, but said he was very-

satisfied with the interest rates

chedule about \$570 million of

interest and principal repayments

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the London Club.

Badran praised Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's peace initiative and called on Iran to positively react to the call "so as to genuinely serve the Iranian

Badran also welcomed the Arab Cooperation Council (ACC) leaders who will hold their upcoming summit in Amman and praised the results attained through the meetings of the prime ministers of ACC coun-

PLO scores in first election of uprising

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AP) — Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) supporters scored a victory in the first election in the occupied lands since the beginning of the uprising, and one candidate said Saturday the result showed Israel that it cannot avoid dealing with the PLO.

In the balloting late Friday, about 1,200 physicians in the occupied Gaza Strip chose 11 representatives, including nine PLO backers and one supporting the Muslim fundamentalist group Hamas.

"Although it was a professional election, we cannot separate it from the political environment," Dr. Zakaria Al Agha, a PLOsupporter and chairman of the Gaza Medical Association, told the Associated Press. "If general elections were beld. I don't think

the result would be much diffe-But Israeli military officials contended that the results did not reflect the positions of the general population, noting that

Gaza is a stronghold of Islamic fundamentalists. Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir proposed last year that Palestinians in the occupied lands hold elections to choose representatives for peace talks with Israel. However, israel insists that PLO be excluded from the

The main obstacle in current diplomatic efforts involving Israel, Egypt and the United States is the composition of a Palestinian delegation that would hold preliminary talks with Israel

Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who returned to Israel Friday after talks in Washington with U.S. Secretary of State James Baker, expressed optimism that a compromise could be found.

Israel Radio reported that Rabin came back with a list of names prepared by the PLO for inclusion in the Palestinian delegation. The list was given to Rabin via Baker by Egyptian Foreign Minister Espect Abdul

Megnid, the report said. Abdul Meguid said after meetings with Baker that some progress has been made. Asked Friday if the gaps between the Israeli and Egyptian positions had been narrowed, he said: "I think, yes." in the occupied territories, meanwhile, Palestinians renewed attacks on fellow Arabs suspected

of cooperating with Israel. In the Gaza Strip town of Khan Yunis, 65-year-old Hamsa Mahdi Al Farra died Saturday at Nasser Hospital after masked assailants broke into his home and fired two shots at him from close range, Arab reports and Israel Radio

tection of the Israeli government city of Nabius. Syrian, Aoun Torces clasn; journalists protest gag order

BEIRUT (Agencies) -- Syrian and Lebanese troops clashes Saturday on the northern edge of Lebanon's Christian enclave during a demonstration by supporters of Christian General Michel

In another development, journalist George Hajj, an outspoken critic of Aoun, was released eight hours after gunmen grabbed him in east Beirut Saturday. Acum was accused of masterminding the abduction.

Police said Hajj, a frequent critic of Aoun, was released at about 2.30 p.m. (1230 GMT). They did not have immediate

Hajj refused to talk to reporters, but a relative, who did not want to be identified said the omnalist was in good condition. The troops fought at Madfoun Bridge, 40 kilometres north of Beirut, on a "Day of Solidarity with North Lebanon" called by Aoun to protest at Syria's milit-

ary presence in the area. Security sources said the clashes were triggered by Syrian troops firing to disperse a crowd of Aoun's followers handing out Lebanese flags and posters of the

Other sources said the Syrians had only shot in the air to stop the protesters marching on a Syrian checkpoint at the bridge and said Aoun's troops had started the Security sources said both sides

used tanks and machineguns. There were no reports of casual-Several shops, banks, res-

taurants and other businesses observed strike in the 800-squarekilometre Christian enclave in line with Aoun's call. However, life was normal in northern regions, the police

spokesman said. Earlier Saturday, Mrs. Badr Hajj told the Associated Press by telephone from her apartment in the Ashrafieh district, "Gunmen knocked on the door early in the

morning. George opened and they took him. "They didn't talk much. They dragged him out," Mrs Hajj said, her voice choking with emotion.

"It was very early in the morning, around 6 a.m. (0400 GMT). have nothing else to say. Ashrafiyeh is part of the Christian enclave controlled by Acum's 20,000 troops.

Hajj, 55, works for the daily Al Bayrak which has been closed by Aoun. He is a member of the reporters' syndicate executive

The syndicate's chairman Milhem Karam, in a statement while Hajj was being held, said a "general press strike" was being considered as an option if Hajj was not released. Karam said Hajj's abduction was "a blow to the freedom of the

Hajj's abduction came a few hours before a demonstration in west Beirut by journalists, writers, poets and politicians to protest Aoun's attempts to muzzle

About 1,000 people marched in the rain through the streets of west Beirut lifting placards saying, "Lebanon can only sur-

vive through its free press." The demonstration was called. by the press association which groups the publishers' syndicate of Mohammad Baalbaki and the reporters' syndicate of Karam.

The association has rejected a directive issued by Aoun Tuesday which banned the media from referring to President Elias Hrawi as head of state. Hrawi was elected President by Lebanon's parliament and is

accepted by most Lebanese, along with Premier Salim Al Hoss as Lebanon's legitimate executives. But Aoun refused to accept the election which he said was influenced by Syria. Aoun claims to be the legal head of state.

The civil war did not break our pens and Aoun will not be able to break our pens," the Voice of the Nation radio said,

tries held in Baghdad recently. Al Jumhuriyah daily published said that "Jordan is confident that Tanks smash Azeri blockades; 57 killed

MOSCOW (Agencies) — Tanks crashed through barricades around the Azerbaijani capital and troops exchanged fire with militants Saturday in an effort to end bitter ethnic violence, officials and government media said. At least 57 people were killed. It was the government's toughest crackdown yet on the unrising

ianis and Armenians. "The street is covered with blood." Vadim Korsh, an editor of Azerbaijan's official news agency, Azerinform, said of the site of one of the biggest clashes, at the capital's military garrison. He said in a telephone inter-

in the southern republic sparked

by a dispute between Azerbai-

view that corpses were strewn on the road to the city's airport. The government declared a state of emergency in Baku, the capital, and the official TASS news agency said a three-day

mourning period was called for the whole republic. Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, in a nationally televised speech announced just 20 minutes before it began, said troops were sent into Baku as a last step after two years of trying to solve

flict peacefully. Militants were forming their own bands of warriors, arming them and killing people, Gorbachev said. Some militants even threatened to take over the government by force, he said. "This had to stop," Gorbachev

the Azerbaijani-Armenian con-

said. The Interior Ministry reported '51 civilians and six troops killed, and 287 civilians and 36 soldiers wounded.

Before Saturday, an official count had reported at least 72 people killed and more than 220 injured since fighting began in Baku last Saturday.

TASS reported that Azerbai-

jan's Communist Party chief Abdulrahman Vezirov was dismissed after troops and tanks

shot their way into Baku. Azerbaijan's President Elmira Kafarova blamed Moscow for Saturday's bloodshed in the city. She said in a statement broadcast on Baku Radio that her people would "never forgive" those responsible for the deaths.

"Militant nationalist careerists refused to listen to the voice of reason," Gorbachev, looking grim, told millions of viewers. Events took a particularly tragic turn in Baku. There were growing calls for seizure of power by force in the republic. "To our deep regret people

have died." he said. The Popular Front in Baku said their preliminary figures indicated at least 120 people had been killed. Other front representatives in Moscow, and some in Baku, gave wildly conflicting death figures, some ranging into

they said their estimates were based on unconfirmed reports. "The soldiers of the army and the Interior Ministry are carrying out their duty in defending the constitution," Gorbachev de-

the thousands. When questioned

clared. He said he and his Kremlin leadership colleagues hoped the decision to send the troops into Baku "will be understood and supported by all citizens of our country."

Gorbachev said he was appealing to the people of Azerbaijan and Armenia, increasingly locked in a guerrilla war along the frontier and around the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh, to show wisdom and restraint.

He called on them "not to be carried away by inflammatory appeals" and added: "Today as never before we need close cooperation, mutual help and national conciliation."

In an apparent response to the action, the small Azerbaijani 13gion Nakhichevan declared its secession from the Soviet Union. the Iranian news agency IRNA reported.

IRNA also reported that Iranian authorities had closed the border crossing areas of Bilehsavar and Astara both into and out of Soviet Azerbaijan from 6 p.m. (1430 GMT) Saturday.

An Azerbaijani journalist contacted in Nakhichevan confirmed the Iranian news agency's report that the regional parliament had approved the move to secede. "It was a decision of our parlia-

ment. It appealed to Turkey, which has a small border with the

region, Iran and the United Nations and all world governments for help," she said. There was no immediate reaction from Moscow on the move by Nakhichevan, officially an

autonomous region of Azerbaijan but divided from it by a strip of Armenian territory. In Baku, residents said the centre of the city was under army

control with tanks and armoured cars on major streets and squares. France told Moscow Saturday it

regretted the fighting and deaths in the republics and hoped there would be no further clashes, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said. "Foreign Minister Roland

Dumas sent a message to (Soviet) Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze declaring that the dramatic events now occurring were painfully felt in France," the spokesman said.

"He expressed the hope that fresh clashes would be averted and that conditions would-be established for the durable and peaceful coexistence of the communities involved,"

Hardliners, liberals clash at Yugoslav congress

BELGRADE (AP) - Hardine and liberal Communists clashed Saturday at a party congress over the pace of democratic reforms and decided to delay a vote on a key reform document.

The document declares the ruling party's willingness to refinquish its 45-year monopoly of power and to support free elections and formation of independent political parties. Elections are tentatively scheduled for April.

On Friday, the government 'said it would submit similar coustitutional amendments to parlia-

Party President Milan Pancevski reportedly told the congress in his opening address the current. system of one-party socialism had objectively extransted its possi-

bilities for development." The opening of the congress, broadcast live on Belgrade TV, was marked by heated debate. with some delegates demanding that the document be adopted as soon as possible and other cautioning against a rushed deci-

Several delegates from the liberal morthern republic of Slovenia urged the document be adopted as one of the first agenda items. But hardliners, mostly from the largest Republic of Serbia, called for it to be discussed in -committee and adopted with other documents at the end of the

congress. The reform document, pubfished last week in the Yugoslav press, says the consparty system "has pushed as into autocracy and prevented us from keeping up with the economic, technological, political and social changes in Europe and the world."

It calls for "free, direct and secret elections" and declares the party's acceptance of the right to freely form political organisa-

Pancevaid, in an advance text of his speech, said Yugoslavia must embrace market-oriented economic reform and guarantee free expression and political plur-

This also means the definite abandonment of the single-party view of political relations. Through the affirmation of new democratic reforms, we must ensure... the freedom from any monopolies on power," said the text reported by the national

news agency Tanjug. "The building... of a system that will constantly increase human rights and freedoms, that will strengthen democracy and that will ensure the free expression of political pluralism and an efficient state based on the rule of ·law" are imperative to the coun-

try's development, he said. A congress is the highest political gathering in a communistrule state, with powers to pick new leaders and to make major policy changes.

Following the past year's dramatic changes in Eastern Europe, the congress is almost certain to crase the clause in its statute which guarantees its monopoly on power, ...

The four-day congress may mark the end of the Yugoslav

party as a single body because leaders in Slovenia have demanded its dissolution as a unified

organisation.

Ethnic splits have already created a de facto division of the party into eight rival regional Communist parties, but the split could be formalised if the Slovenians have their way.

Slovenian officials have said their party branch would split from the federal party organisation if the congress failed to turn the country towards democracy The congress, attended by

1,654 delegates, will elect a slimmer policy-making central committee with 120 members instead of 165. The party will also have a new ruling polithure, reduced to 15 members instead of the pre-

Fast changes in Algeria worry other Arab Maghreb leaders

By Jonathan Wright

TUNIS — North African heads of state meet in Tunis Sunday to keep alive an infant regional union beset by political instability in Algeria, stalemate over Western Sahara and Libyan reservations about regional

It is the first summit since the leaders of Algeria, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco and Tunisia set up the Arab Maghreb. Union by signing the Mar-rakesh Treaty in February last

Officially the union is alive and well and making steady progress towards becoming a regional common market to mirror the European Community across the Mediterranean. But many diplomats, businessman and independent

politicians remain sceptical about the project and say the union has a long way to go before it starts to make a differ-

"The conditions for unity are in theory idyllic but if you like closer, you notice that the peoples do not know each other the volume of trade between them is negligible and each state suspects the other of trying to dominate," said Tunisian politician Chadly Zoniten.

"The movements of people and business are directed exclu-

sively towards Europe... that's the reality," he added. Relations between the five states have been troubled for

most of the three decades of independence and it was during a period of regional detente in 1988 and early 1989 that the conditions suddenly became ripe for Maghreb Union.

The five heads of state encouraged by improved relations between Algeria and Morocco to the west of the region and between Libya and Tunisia to the east, met for the first time ever in the Algerian town of Zeralda in June 1988.

But since Marrakesh last Pebruary, some of the goodwill has evaporated, diplomats say. The hectic pace of democra-

tic reform in Algeria, the largest, richest and most central of the Maghreb states, has frightened neighbouring Morocco and Tunisia, where strong central governments are moving more cautiously towards political and economic liberalisation, they say.

The Moroccan newspaper Al Bayane said Thursday that Moroccans were also concerned at the activity of the Islamic movement in Tunisia, where it is the main opposition group. "As partners of Algeria and

Tunisia in the Arab Maghreb Union, we cannot remain indifferent to this growing danger which threatens to have regional implications," it said. In the past year, after a quarter of a century as a monolithic one-party state, Algeria has legalised 18 political parties, including the fundamentalist

Islamic Salvation Front. Algerians themselves say acts of violence and wildcat strikes are beginning to put their new democracy in jeopardy.

Tunisian officials said that

events at home seemed to have distracted Algeria from the task of Machreb integration. The Algerian delegation to a preparatory meeting earlier this month was "rather meagre," said one.

Saharan conflict

The dispute in the Western Sahara, where Moroccan troops are fighting Polisario guerrilla traditionally based in and backed by Algeria, has been an obstacle to Maghreb unity for years.

The signing of the Marrakesh Treaty coincided with optimism that a U.N. peace plan would settle the problem. But fighting flared again in October and November last year and the peace plan is back on hold.

Maghreb officials play down the effects of the dispute on regional cooperation but diplomats say that, given the demographic weight of Morocco and

Algeria, good relations between them are essential to the success of the union. Morocco and Algeria be-

tween them account for more than three quarters of the 60 million people in the five countries and 70 per cent of its combined gross national pro-

Libya, odd-man-out because it was never under French rule, has repeatedly shown itself reluctant to take part in a scheme which falls short of its ideal of full Arab unity.

Western diplomats say that Libya's presence could cause problems in relations with the Enropean Community but the others persuaded Libya to join because they wanted to tame unpredictable revolutionary leader Muammar Qaddhafi.

Morocco, as chairman of the union since February, has supervised the process of setting up the main institutions, such as the Maghreb Parliament and court of justice.

The Tunis summit will look at proposals to take this a step further by creating a permanent seat for the secretariat, expanding the parliament and extending the length of the president's mandate from six months to one year.

Practical projects like a trans-Maghreb highway and eventual changes in customs tariffs are still at an early stage.



An Israeli policeman keeps watch over eight Palestinians arrested in occupied Jerusalem.

Europarliament calls for suspension of EC scientific cooperation with Israel

STRASBOURG, France (AP) — The European Parliament wants European Community (EC) to suspend scientific cooperation with Israel to protest the continued closure of Palestinian universities in the Israeli-occupied territories.

In a resolution, adopted late Thursday, the parliament asked the EC Commission to freeze all funds for scientific cooperation

with Israel. The resolution, sponsored by the 180-member Socialist group, followed a peace demonstration in occupied Jerusalem last month

which ended in violence. The motion was adopted by a show of It condemned "the brutal" acts

pean Parliament took part and

by police to end the Jerusalem demonstration and asked the government of Ireland, which currently holds the EC's rotating presidency, to launch a formal protest with the Israeli govern-

Israeli authorities have kept universities in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip closed for most of the 25-month Palestinian uprising, arguing they are hotheds of unrest.

The extended closure has come under harsh hiternational criticism as a violation of human

"Symbolically, morally and politically, this is a very regrettable step on the part of Europe," Shetreet told the Associated Press referring to the European Parliament resolution.

"We told our colleagues in the European Parliament that if they think they can achieve anything through pressure, they are going to find a very stubborn Israel, said Shetreet, who visted the European Parliament this week

as part of an Israeli parliamentary delegation.

Foreign ministry spokesman-Yosef Amihud said he would not comment until he has seen the text of the resolution.

Ariek Shumer, an aide to Israeli Science Minister Ezer Weizman, called the proposed. sanctions "very bad for Israel." He noted that about 200 re-

search projects would be affected by the proposed freeze in scientific cooperation. The resolution still needs the

approval of the European Coun-

talks with Arab states funds for Soviet Jews negotiations leading up to elec-BARCELONA (AP) — Israeli tions on the West Bank and

Foreign Minister Moshe Arens said Friday his government wanted elections agreed upon for Palestinians in the occupied territories at the same time as peace talks could be started with neighbouring Arab states. "It will be difficult to reach an

(election) agreement with the Palestinian population if at the same time we don't reach an agreement on a peace plan with the Arab countries," he said. He made the remarks at the start of a two-day private visit to

view the facilities under construction in preparation for the 1992 Barcelona Summer Olympic for meetings with King Juan Carlos, Prime Minister Felipe Gon-

fence Minister Narcis Serra. Israel opposes any role for the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) in U.S. proposed Israeli-Egyptian meetings to discuss ways to move towards future

zalez, his Spanish counterpart

Francisco Fernandez and De-

with its 11 partners in the European Community (EC) favour a | who move to Israel. Middle East peace conference that would include the PLO as the representative of the Palesti-

The Spanish government along

nian people. On Friday in Madird, PLO representative Hani Faydi accused Israel of "barricading the possibilities of peace" for refusing to accept different proposals for peace talks and "continuing its policy of repression" against the Palestinian uprising in the

occupied territories. "Despite the diplomatic efforts Arens was scheduled to begin a of U.S. Secretary of State James two-day visit to Madrid Monday Baker, the United States also has failed to perceive our message of peace and has not seen fit to value the European Community

support for our position." He said he was confident that the Spanish government would defend before Arens "all of the Palestinian feelings" since "Spain has understood very well our problems."

Arens wants bilateral Drive launched to raise

NEW YORK (AP) — The United Jewish Appeal has announced an unprecedented international campaign to raise \$600 million to help Soviet Jews

The campaign, named "Operation Exodus," is based on predictions that at least 165,000 Jews will arrive in Israel in the next About 1,000 Soviet Jews are

arriving in Israel each week, offi-

cials estimate, and the figure may rise to 2,000 in coming months. Officials hope to raise an additional \$420 million in the United States and \$180 million from Jews in other countries, through the Keren Hayesod organisation. They hope to gather pledges for the \$600 million total in the next 12 months and collect it over the next three years.

It is the largest single fundraising effort ever by the United Jewish Appeal, the main Jewish charity in the United States, said spokesman Arthur Ginsburg.

The money will be spent on social and educational services such as language lessons, job

retraining and housing assistance — to help the immigrants adjust to life in Israel. Leaders of the United Israel

Appeal, United Jewish Appeal (UJA) and the Jewish Agency met this week in New York to plan the campaign. The officials said 13,000 Soviet

highest figure since 1979. In December, 41 per cent of the Jews leaving the Soviet Union moved to Israel, they said. The Israeli government estimates that as many as 500,000 of

Jews arrived in Israel in 1989, the

the Soviet Union's 1.8 million Jews will try to emigrate in the next five years. David Levy, Israel's minister of

housing, told the UJA board that the government had set aside money for 20,000 new housing units and plans to resovate 5,000 existing apartments and make 15,000 more apartments available for reutal.

The finance ministry has said it will spend \$500 million to create new jobs and another \$75 million on job retaining.

in which members of the Euro-Runcie believes Waite alive on third kidnap anniversary

LONDON (R) — Archbishop of people have suffered more than His captors said they killed Hig-Canterburry Robert Runcie said 15 years of brutal civil war, aggra- gins in July 1989. Saturday he believed Terry Waite was still alive three years after the We must pray earnestly for a just British hostages are unlikely to go British church envoy disappeared peace in Lebanon, for that would free soon. in Lebanon during a mission to free Western hostages.

"I hope we shall not need to keep this anniversary again. We long to be able to celebrate Terry's day of release," the archbishop, spiritual leader of the Anglican Church, said in a state-

Waite, now 50, vanished in Beirut on the night of Jan. 20, 1987, after dismissing guards so that he could negotiate with kidnappers alone. No-one has claimed responsibility for his abduction.

Runcie said in a television interview Friday: "We have had no direct news because we have had no demands and we have no news about his exact circumstances." "But we have enough indirect evidence to give us confidence that we are not mistaken in work-

ing for his release." Three other Britons are being

held hostage in Lebanon: Brian Keenan, who also has Irish nationality, John McCarthy and Jack Mann.

The archbishop, whose office issued the statement shortly before he was due to arrive home after a visit to Ethiopia, called for prayers for the hostages' families.

He said: "Three years is a long

time in anyone's life — and some

of the hostages have been held

Runcie added: "The Lebanese

for even longer than that."

vated by external intervention. Diplomatic sources say the four see an end to the hostage- A Western diplomat said Bri-A special all-day vigil was Syria, a major power in Lebanon,

being held to mark the was one obstacle. "Restoring reanniversary at Waite's local lations with Damascus would church in London. the envoy had great spiritual struck a deal with Iran, there

strength and the family believed would be no guarantees that the this would help him through cap- kidnappers would subsequently

into it and we believe it will get deals with captors and that will him out of it," said John Waite. never happen." In the absence of hard facts ners missing and believed held the late Ayatoliah Ruhollah hostage, a spate of rumours has Khomeini's edict that novelist flourished. One such report ear- Salman Rushdie be killed for been smuggled to Tehran.

lieved held by groups linked to Waite helped secure the freethe pro-Iranian Hizbollah, which dom of 10 captives in six years. In is trained and financed by 1981 he helped free three Angli-Tehran. Hizbollah denies hos- can missionaries detained in Iran tage-taking.

Security sources say the captives are usually locked up in tiny, U.S. missionary Benjamin Weir Beirnt's southern suburbs or the Jenco a year later and played a eastern Bekaa Valley, both stron- role in the freeing in November moved frequently from one hide- Director David Jacobsen. out to another.

William Higgins was briefly held. to that deal.

tain's decision to cut ties with

help their case," he said. His cousin, John Waite, said He added that even if Britain free their captives. "That would "His Christian faith got him mean that Britain had to make

Iran broke relations with Briabout Waite and 16 other Wester- tain last March in the row overher said the church envoy had alleged blasphemy. Britain says better relations depend on prog-

Most captives are widely be- ress on freeing its hostages. after the Islamic revolution. He assisted in the release of

damp, underground cells in in 1985 and Father Lawrence gholds of Hizbollah. They are 1986 of American University

But his mission came to an The Amal militia this week abrupt end with disclosures later showed reporters an under- that month of the secret U.S. ground cell block in South Lebs- arms-for-hostages deal with non where it said U.S. hostage Tehran. Waite denied any links

cil of Ministers. Toll from

Israel raid rises to 7

SIDON (AP) — The toll in Israel air raids on a Palestinian radio station and a pro-Iranian base mi South Lebanon rose to seven killed and 18 wounded, police said Saturday.

They said the bodies of two missing guerrillas in Friday's air strikes that targetted the radio station in the refugee camp of Mich Mich near the port of Sidon were dug out by rescue workers overnight. Police previously had reported five killed.

The two transmission aerials of Radio Al Quds were destroyed in the 77-minute raid on Mich Mich on the southeastern flank of Sidon, provincial capital of South Lebanon 40 kilometres south of Beirut.

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The station was to begin transmission to the Palestinian incrising in the Israeli-occupied. West Bank and Gaza Strip Feb. 1.

Six other wounded guerrillas were pulled out alive from the rubble of the station's underground structure that was devastated by several direct rocket hits, police said. Another eight people had earlier been reported wounded.

Nine hours before the raid on Mich Mich, Israeli warplanes struck at bases of the pro-Iranian fundamentalist Hizbollah in the highlands southeast of Sidon

Police said two Hizbollah guerrillas were killed and four others wounded in that pre-dawn attack. The two Israeli raids were the first on Lebanon this year. The Israeli air force mounted 18 raids on Lebanon in 1989.

10:35 Rome (AZ) 10:35 Cairo (MS) 11:30 Knwait (KU)

Kirwait (LN)

Muslim militants demand trial of Badr

CAIRO (R) — About 300 Islamic militants held an unlawful rally outside a Cairo mosque Friday, shouting demands for the arrest and trial of Egypt's sacked interior minister, Zaki Badr.

Security forces kept an unusually low profile during the protest, the first by fundamentalists since Badr was replaced a week ago by Mohammad Mussa, a career policeman. Police permission is normally

needed to hold any public gathering in Egypt. No incidents were reported during the 40-minuterally, held outside a small, unofficial mosque in the poor Cairo district of Imbabe on the west bank of the Nile. The demonstrators, mostly

bearded and drawn mainly from the banned Jamaa Ai Islamia (Islamic Group), sat in the street while a spokesman read out their

Ala' Mohieddin told the rally the group was willing to start "A free and balanced dialogue with the government."

law to be implemented in Egypt. Badr, who arrested thousands of Islamic dissidents during his four years in office, was dismissed by President Hosni Mubarak after opposition media capaigned against the minister's hardline methods and crude language. Musa, known as a stickler for

sor, Anwar Sadat.

He said 22 people had been freed since he took office and review of each case.

He said no one had the right to control or stop calls for Islamic

upholding the law, was quoted as saying police were holding 2,411 people under emergency laws introduced in 1981 after the assassination of Mubarak's predeces-

more would be released after a Friday's protest was organised by Jama Al Islamia, one of several small, underground groups working to transform Egypt into

a strictly Islamic state.

It is led by Sheikh Omar Abdul Rahman, a blind theologian now on trial for alleged involvement in an unlawful protest in the oasis town of fayoum last April.

Abdul Rahman was acquitted in 1983 on charges of inciting Sadat's killing by religious zealots.

crimes committed by Zaki Badr, spokesman Mohieddin told the The government should show

Someone has to pay for the

goodwill by waiving Badr's parismentary immunity to allow him to be tried, he said. Badr is a member of the Shura

council, a consultative body with no legislative power. Supporters occasionally interrupted Mohieddin shouting "revenge, revenge against Zaki Badr" and "Hands off the houses of God," in reference to the many unofficial mosques set up but militants and subsequently

area Sunday. So clouds will increase

gradually and scattered showers are

taken over by the authorities. Mohieddin demanded the immediate release of all detainees as one of several conditions which, if met, would help to maintain what he called stability and

> Jamma Al Islamia distributed a list which it said named 52 political detainees held for up to 18 months without trial.

> Mohieddin said the group which he said was behind several demonstrations in Cairo and other cities in the past few years, wanted to open a new chapter with the government. "We want a new era with no

torture or humiliation..." he said. He asked the group's followers to adopt a wait-and-see approach and exercise self-restraint until the policies of the new interior minister became clear. He urged them to "disperse

peacefully and avoid any provocations."

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19:30 News in Hebrew

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21:10 "The Struggle for Democracy"

22:80 News in English

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INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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Jordanian (RJ) information depart-

ment at the Queen Alia International

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Marrow (large) 150 / 120
Marrow (sinal) 270 / 200

Onion (green) 180 / 140 Orange 220 / 180 Orange (Shamouti) 320 / 270
Pepper (hot) 360 / 300 Pepper (bot) 440 / 360 Pepper (sweet) 440 / 360 Potato 200 / 160 Potato 200 Potato 200 / 160 Potato 200 Potato 200 / 160 Potato 200 P

AMMAN (Potra) - His sad other areas, and was Majesty King Housen Saturday paid an inspection will to the Civil Defence Department (CDD) in Ammen and was briefed on CDD operations and programmes and the debarment's achievements in the past few years. The briefing was presented

by CDD Director Major General Afif Al Ghoul. After the briefing, the King toured the CDD operations room which has no early alexus system which responds to calls.

beiefed on their functions and

training programmes. King Huspein also inspected vehicles used in recove and back-up operations and moticemergency and first-sid services for victims of road accidonts on highways and remote

King Hossein was accompamed on the tour by Royal Court Chief Sturif Zeid Ben Shaker and Chief Chamberlain to put out fires, a sixon system. Prince Ra'd Ben Zeid.

149 nurses graduate

AMMAN (3.7.) — A total of 149 male and female nurses graduated Saturday after completing training courses is musing and midwifery at the Amman, Zarga, and Irbid nursing schools.

Her Majesty Queen Noor, who attended the graduation ceremony, delivered a brief speech congratulating the graduates and expressing appreciation to all mirses whose profession, she said, is the noblest since they offer comfort to patients and help to relieve their sufferings.

"Our responsibilities are great in this field" and it is essential for Jordan to pursue a programme of developing the nursing profession in order to meet the Kingdom's Beed of qualified nurses and midwives," the Queen said.

At the outset of the ecremony, Minister of Health Mohammad Addoub Al Zaben delivered s speech outlining programmes for providing training for nurses and midwives and anistrot purses. He said besides training in Jordan some of the nurses were sent abroad to acquire higher qualincetions.

Irbid, Amman and Zarga colleges is 36 months for nursing and 27 for midwives. Following the training periods, employment is conseed by the Ministry of Health at various

The duration of training at the

hospital and clinics. The Ministry of Health is ourreadly working on the construction of new premises for its marsing colleges in the three cities, and plans to increase the capacity of its nursing schools and to develop curriculae and teaching methods in order to achieve self-

sufficiency of narros by the year

RJ reshuffles staff

AMMAN (Petra) - Royal Captain Nasri Jumeian will be oker Jordanian (RI), the national air executive deputy director for the air operations department; Ahed carrier, Saturday announced the Quoter will be executive deputy appointment of Nizar Arype, a Pakistani national, as head of the director for personnel; Ghassan airline's legal affairs. A statement All will be executive deputy released by RJ's main office said that Aryne was designated as RJ director-general.

According to the statement, several other changes and transfers have been made aimed at facilitating and coordinating channels of communications with various departments.

Under the new set up, Iyad Al Khalid becomes executive deputy director for the commercial department (marketing, sales, freight, international relations. advertising, and public relations); Agel Biltaji will be executive; deputy director for passenger-services; Sami Ureikat will be executive deputy director of engineering and maintenance department;

director for planning; and Zeid Kilani will be director of the controi department. in another statement Saturday RJ said its training centre organised 217 training courses in the past year attended by 3,216 airline officers from Jordan and

other airlines. Several civil aviation pilots from Turkey began a training course this month on simulators for Tristar-360 aircraft and another batch of pilots from Iraq started training on simulators for

Booking 797 sircusti. The RI statement said that the centre's revenues from last year's training courses amounted to JD 532,119,

Moves to bolster N. Yemen links

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan is presenting North Yemen with 4. gift of 20,000 olive tree saplings in implementation of resolutions passed by the Joint Jordanian-North Yemeni Higer Committee meeting held in Amman last November, the Ministry of Agriculture has announced.

A ministry official said the ministry had informed the North Yemeni Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries of the decision and of another decision to assign three seats for post-graduates from North Yemen to study at Jordan's universities.

The official said the ministry was also willing to train North Yemenis in the planning and management of poultry industry and livestock as well as veterinary services associated with them. He said that North Yemen had been informed Jordan's readiness also to provide training to North Yemeni personnel in afforestation, planting of fruit trees, maintaining agricultural machinery and modern methods of agricul-

The official said that the director of the Agricultural Marketing Organization (AMO) recently paid a visit to North Yemen and took part in study designed to establish a North Yemeni agnicultural marketing corporation, benefiting from Jordan's exper-

tise and emeriments. The official said the Ministry of Agriculture would provide training to 11 North Yemeni agricultural engineers in plasticulture, horticulture and other relevant skills between Jan. 25 and Feb. 3 in

According to the official, the Ministry of Agriculture also offered to sell North Yemen ivestock products as well as table eggs of which Jordan produces more than 500 million annually in addition to fodder concentrates and veterinary medicine produced in the Kingdom.

CRS probes means of expanding work

AMMAN (Petra) - The representative of the Catholic Relief Service (CRS) in Jordan, Vicky Denman, Saturday discussed at a meeting with Minister of Social Development Abdul Majid Shrieden means of expanding CRS operations in Jordan.

A statement following the meeting said that a review of the CRS projects in the Kingdom was made, with the main focus on schemes that can be extended to other parts of the country. The CRS, according to the

Ministry of Social Development.

— 7:00 р.ш.

was established in Jordan in 1961 with the purpose of providing clothing, food and medical and educational equipment to needy groups and individuals. So far the CRS carried out several agricultural projects in cooperation with the Jordan Cooperative Organisation (JCO) and has set up a food centre at Karak in cooperation with the ministries of social development and education. In addition, the CRS presented gifts of sewing machines and typewriters to several voluntary and charitable societies in Jordan.

WHAT'S GOING ON

EXHIBITIONS

Ar exhibition entitled "They chose 30 poets" at the French Cultural Centre.

An art exhibition by Mohammad Ai Jalous at the Royal Cultural Centre.

A feature film entitled "La Bambe" at the American Centre

A Soviet film entitled "Brides" Mutiny" at the Soviet Cultural Centre - 5:30 p.m.

King briefed on CDD activities | ACC needs complete public support — Badran

By Nermeen Murad Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Prime Minister Mudar Badran Saturday highbighted the importance of the Arab Cooperation Council (ACC) of Jordan, Egypt, Iraq and North Yemen as "a first step towards reaching complete Arab unity."

At a regular Lower House of Parliament session during which perliamentarians gave their blessing to the Kingdom's decision to enter into the predominantly economic bloc, Badran said that four-country alliance needs "complete public support."

Badran was reacting to what appeared to be a somewhat lukewarm reception by some parliamentarians to the concept of the ACC and calls by several deputies towards establishing a more comprehensive type of Arab unity which includes military cooperation.

"When we take a step of this kind, it has to be applauded and applanded and encouraged to develop... not doubts being cast on it," Badran told Parliament at the end of a six-hour session mostly dedicated to discussing temporary laws and suggestions by de-

Badran described Iraq as "a strong and developed Arab force," and said that "Bagbdad's technological, military and scientific development "exceeds the

By Mariam M. Shahin

Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN - "In the absence

of a clear and coherent Arab

stand vis-a-vis the real issues

tht are facing us as Arabs,

Jordan is playing a beroic role

and has become the conscience

of the Arab World," according

to Hisham Sharabi, a professor

of modern intellectual history

and director of the Centre for

Contemporary Arab Studies at

Georgetown University,

has begun a process of liber-

alisation and democratisation

which I think could make Jor-

dan the most democratic Arab

country," said Sharabi, who is

considered a leading academic

on the Arab World in the U.S..

told the Jordan Times Friday.

are two main views sublivents

the recent developments in

Jordan. The first is a superfi-

cial one that considers the re-

cent developments as cosmetic

and not conducive to major

changes. The second view, to

which Sharabi subscribes, is

"although small steps in histor-

ic terms," are quite significant

day visit to Jordan, said that on

the regional level Jordan had

in the past called attention to

Israel's settlement policy in the

West Bank. The Kingdom is

now pointing out the danger-

ous consequences of the ex-

pected immigration of Soviet

Jews to Palestine. Sharabi be-

(Petra).

Hinzidi (Petra).

administrative committee (Petra).

NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

JORDAN-SYRIA ECONOMIC TALKS: Minister of Industry

and Trade Ziyad Fariz and the Syrian Minister of Economy and

Foreign Trade Mohammad Amadi chaired Jordanian-Syrian eco-

nomic talks held in Damascus Saturday. The two ministers stressed

the two countries' desire to promote cooperation in a way that

serves joint Arab action. They also reviewed issues on the agenda

AOAD MEETING ENDS: Minister of Agriculture Dr. Suleiman

Arabiyat returned to Amman Saturday after leading the Jordanian

delegation to the meetings of the Arab Organistion for Agricultural

Development (AOAD) which was held in Tripoli, Libya. The

three-day meetings deal with the AOAD's plans and budget for

1990/1991 as well future plans on the national and regional levels

YOUTH MINISTERS MEETING: Jordan will participate in a

three-day meeting of the ministerial committee of the Council of

Arab Youths and Sports Ministers due to open in Tunis Wednes-

day. The committee will revise regulations and instructions related

to the council and prepare necessary amendments. The committee

includes ministers of youths and sports in Jordan, Morocco,

Tunisia, and Iraq as well as presidents of the supreme youth

councils in Bahrain and Egypt and the secretary general of Arab

Sporting Games Federation. The Jordanian delegation, to leave for

Tunis Sunday, is headed by Minister of Youth Ibrahim Ghabab-

sheh and assistant Secretary-General for Sporting Affairs Munther

MARAQA LEAVES FOR CAIRO: Jordan Company for Televi-

sion, Radio and Cinema Production Chairman and Director

General Jawad Maraga left for Cairo Saturday to take part in

meetings of the administrative committee of Arab Television

Producers and Distributors Federation. Maraga is chairman of the

RED CRESCENT: Chairman of the International Red Cross and

Crescent Societies permanent Committee Ahmad Abu Qura was

Saturday elected director general of the Jordan National Red

ZARQA CIVIL DEFENCE: The Civil Defence Department

(CDD) director general in Zarqa governorate said Saturday that

the CDD began holding training courses for employees of gasoline

stations and cooking gas agencies to train them on means to deal

with emergency situations. He added that deterrent measures

would be taken against owners of gasoline stations and cooking gas

Crescent Society for a three year term (Petra).

agencies for failure to abide by regulations and laws.

Sharabi, who was on a two-

and in the "right" direction.

that the developments,

At present, he said, there

Washington D.C.

Parliament."

He called for strong public support for the ACC stressing that the council was seeking to avoid being turned "a pivotal council" and concentrating on achieving cooperation and common goals.

"We have already signed 27 unanimous agreements," Badran pointed out, adding that the four ACC countries would continue to meet and coordinate policies and that much "open hearted debate" had been taking place among

"Out of this openness some-thing great will culminate," Badran declared.

The premier last week participated in an ACC meeting in Baghdad of the heads of governments of the member states, during which they reviewed the agenda of and recommendations to be submitted to an ACC summit to be held in Amman next month.

Abolishing alcohol

In another development during Saturday's parliament session, Badran announced that the government was taking steps towards stopping alcohol sales aboard Royal Jordanian (RJ) flights but cited agreements made with Western countries as a hurdle towards the full implementation of the move immediately. "We will ban alcohol on RI's

lieves that had it not been for

the massive Jewish emigration

from Nazi Germany in the

1930s Israel would probably

not have been created in 1948.

migrants will be settled on

Palestinian soil in the West

Bank and Gaza, creating facts

on the ground irrespective of

the entire negotiating pro-

The Palestine Liberation

Organisation (PLO) and Arab

governments, in Sharabi's

view, must demand that the

the illegality of Jewish settle-

ments in the occupied terri-

U.S. policy as firm and that he

lad questioned where the U.S.

was serious in its efforts to

reach a breakthrough for peace

give vast, amounts of aid to

Israel regardless of (how it is

used), then the U.S. must be

considered a collaborator in

Israel's transgression of inter-

Jordan's experiment

modernisation in light of Jor-

dan's ongoing democratic ex-

periment, Sharabi said "real

change" can only be achieved

Traditional political orga-

nisations and ideology as prac-

tised now, in his view, are

totally inadequate at this stage.

"What is needed is a new

through human action.

Asked about progress and

national law," Sharabi said.

"If the U.S. continues to

in the Middle East.

He said he did not see the

"On the local level, Jordan was U.S. redeclare its position on

cess," Sharabi pointed out.

"The wave of expected im-

expectations of anyone in this Arab and Islamic routes as a first step," Badran said in answer to a query made by Amman Deputy Adul Munem Abu Zant. But. he said, such a ban was not possible with immediate effect on the national carrier's flights to non-Arab and non-Islamic countries since RJ was bound by international agreements. However, he said, studies are underway to study the legal aspects of the ban.

Dates report denied

Badran denied charges by Amman Deputy Fakhri Kawar that a Saudi gift of 340 tonnes of dates to the Islamic Relief Agency was "unfit for human consumption." According to Kawar, laboratory tests made by the Ministry of Health indicate that 180 tonnes of the original 340 "contained insects or their eggs."

Kawar said that the dates were ready for distribution "to poor families in Jordan through the Ministry of Awgaf and Islamic Affairs."

The minister of Awgaf and Islamic Affairs, Sheikh Ali Al Fagir, told Parliament that the Saudi gift "was of the best quality dates and was tasted by officials and it has not harmed anyone's

Badran said tests were conducted on the dates by analysts and "we were told that they are not harmful to human health." In the beginning of the Parlia-

tion and a process of human

action that is plural whereby all

social groups in society try to

implement a programme based

on the least common denomi-

At this stage, Sharabi be-

heves, the main issues need to

be defined. "Economic well-

being, political freedoms, hu-

man rights and the expansion

of democracy are the main

change in Jordan is concerned.

the ethics of people have to

change, Sharabi insists. "If

productivity is to increase then

the human productive factor

Jordan has been "underwrit-

ten by outside factors and has

now 'become of age' and will

be expected to deal with its

economic problems without

outside subsidies," he said.

"The country will go through a

period of severe austerity and

breakthrough then there is a

possibility that all political

gains will be lost," he asserted.

not likely to come about with-

out a public campaign led by

schools, universities and

media. "There must be a

populist movement," Sharabi

Higher education in Jordan

is at this point not realising its

goals. Its revitalisation is

essential at this point in Jor-

dan's history. The goals of

higher education must also be

adapted to the needs of socie-

The change of the ethics is

there is no economical

has to increase," he says.

As far as the economic

nator." Sharabi said.

issues." he said.

Muder Badran

ment session deputies listened to the reading of replies by the minister of health and the head of the National Medical Institution to questions posed by Kawar in December over the death of 26-year old Imad Yousef Aziz Hassan at the University of Jordan Hos-

According to the findings of a special committee formed by the NMI, under the umbrella of which falls the University of Jordan Hospital, the doctor investigated in the death was found not liable for any medical malpractice but guilty of non-cooperation with the family of the deceased and the manager of the hospital who asked the doctor to carry a check-up on the patient.

The committee recommended that a letter of warning be issued to the doctor in guestion and that a special committee be set up to investigate the heart treatment section at the hospital to provide solutions to its problems.

Jordan has become conscience of Arab World — Georgetown professor thinking rooted in modernisa-

Sharabi believes that one of the biggest waste of a "major national resource" is the "under-utilisation" of women in the building of the nation. Equal opportunities in education and equal pay for equal work are the first steps to be taken in this direction, he believes. "We should not waste time now getting into certain futile confrontations and debate about concepts of what a woman's role should be that will lead nowhere at this point," Sharabi said.

Sharabi is very pleased about the place that human rights have assumed on the Arab political agenda. "There is the beginning of a great movement in the Arab World," Sharabi

"Now is not the time for confrontation with authority, but the time for subservience to power has passed. It is a time to increasing democracy and coexistence," Sharabi

The future of Jordan's society and all Arab societies is its women and children. "No society mistreats its women and children like the Arab society. For real progress to take place women and children have to be liberated; otherwise this society has no future," Sharabi

For the past five year human rights societies have been working in most Arab countries to expose violations and ultimately improve conditions.

ty, according to Sharabi. **ACC** seeks to increase

telecommunications links

AMMAN (Petra) - Officials in charge of telecommunication services in the four-member Arab Cooperation Council (ACC) Saturday opened meetings here to discuss issues that would promote cooperation in these services in line with ACC policies.

The opening session was addressed by Telecommunications Corporation (TCC) Director-General Mohammad Shahid Ismail, who discussed an agreement signed by the heads of the four countries, Egypt, Jordan, Irag and North Yemen, on cooperation in telecommunications.

TCC Deputy-Director Aphram Jamil told the opening session that the four-day meeting will discuss in detail the provisions of the ACC agreement approved by the heads of state at their Sanaa summit last September.

Zarqa residents called to register for People's Army

AMMAN (J.T.) — The commander of the People's Army in the Zarqa Region Saturday issued a call to citizens to register for military training which normally takes two months, and said that first to be trained would be those living in the outlying areas within Zarqa Governorate. The Zarqa region, said the

commander who was not identified by the Jordan News Agency, Petra, has been divided into the following zones to allow for training in degrees: Shabib, Batrawi, Hashemech, Azraq, Ruseifa and surrounding villages and Birein and its villages.

The People's Army command will provide military training to recruits near their places of work and will try to remove all obstacles that impede the process of

Recruits, he said, will be trained in the use of light arms, civil defence operations, rescue and first aid, firefighting, public health safety and other related skills that can help members of

the public provide a back-up

force for the Jordanian Armed

Last month, the People's Army general command announced that preparations were under way for providing training to recruits within the Amman and Zarqa areas. The command announced training programmes were being worked out in a manner which would not interfere with the routine business nor with the recruit's daily programmes and their jobs in the private or the public sectors.

Government transport costs JD 17.5 million

AMMAN (Petra) — The number other feasible fields. of vehicles currently used by according to a preliminary report transport allowances, transport drafted by a Ministry of Finance costs, or transport ext aditures special committee entrusted with and total about ID 2 million a studying means to curtail the year. number of government vehicles and their use.

Ministry of Finance sources ministries and government de- also reported that financial burpartments total 6,900 with an dens were not restricted to govannual operational costs of JD ernment vehicles used in trans-17.5 million covering costs of porting employees but also to fuel, maintenance, oil, spare monthly sums paid to employees parts, and transport allowances, under various categories such as

Prime Minister Mudar Badran The committee proposed put- has ordered stopping monthly ting a number of vehicles out of allowances to those who use govservice, replacing those with high ernment vehicles including minisoperational costs, and transfering ters, secretary generals, and a large number of vehicles to director generals of departments.

ILO mission prepares for trip to occupied territories

By Sana Ativeh Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — An International Labour Organisation (ILO) mission is preparing for an annual fact-finding visit to the occupied territories to study the situation of Palestinian workers.

A delegation from the ILO was briefed Saturday by representatives from various organisations and committees at the Ministry of Labouron what the mission should expect to find, and on what the group should emphasise in their investigation.

The briefings were presented by representatives from the Ministry of Labour, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Amman Chambers of Industry and Commerce, the Joint Jordanian-Palestinian Committee, the Royal Committee for Jerusalem and the Office of the Occupied Homeland Affairs of the Palestine Liberation Organisation

(PLO). The representatives called on the ILO to adopt measures to deal with the deteriorating economic situation facing Palestinians in the occupied territories, according to Perret Nguyen, head of the Equality of Rights Office of the ILO.

In an interview with the Jordan Times, Nguyen said the representatives suggested that the ILO mission should emphasise its study on the effect that the difficult economic situation has on Palestimian workers and labourers.

Discrimination against Palestinian workers by the Israelis has increased since the beginning of the intifada. which has entered its third year. The latest strident measure against Palestinian workers came in last August with the issuance of magnetic cards to Gazans cleared after a "security screening" to enter and work in Israel.

Nguyen said that the intifada has created new conditions. "A sort of emergency situation which creates suffering for the people."

'Although security reasons are may be legitimate for certain restrictions on freedoms in particular freedom of association, a main concern of the ILO, the notion of security should not be interpreted in such an extensive way," Nguyen said.

She added that the situation that prevails during the intifada had made it difficult for the ILO to implement the organisation's projects for the West Bank and Gaza.

"But we're still going ahead and we intend to further develop the programme, which focuses on vocational training. workers' education and promotion of entrepreneur skills," Nguyen explained.

She noted that difficulties in implementing the programmes were common with all the activities of the United Nations agencies because concerned authorities had to approve the projects.

"One of the reasons the Israeli authorities have accepted the ILO fact-finding missions is may be because the organisation has long-standing experience in this field. If always tries to balance the views for this mission," she said.

Nguyen said. She added that another

of all parties concerned,"

reason might be that the ILO was an organisation that represents three parties - governments, workers and employers - and that it deals with labour and social problems and not directly with political prob-

"But so many things are conditioned by the political aspects. One cannot expect ILO missions to achieve goals on their own. But our small contribution to better the situation (in the occupied) lands) is improving," Nguyen commented. She did not elabo-

The current fact-finding mission is the ILO's 13th since a resolution was adopted by the ILO conference on the occupied territories in 1978. After each mission, a report is published and recommendations are drawn up and presented at the International Labour Con-

ference. Last year, the ILO recommended quick action and to develop a "real" programme to halt the economic decline, and to develop the economic structure to assist the Palestinians to meet their essential needs, according to Nguyen.

"The recommendations were more directly related to the field of labour and employment, especially in the field of associations. The report asked that security measures should not be unduly enforced, and that the normal activities of a trade union be allowed," she

explained. The ILO expert also said that the organisation expressed concern over the problem of social security for Arabs working inside Israel. She said that although Arab workers have to pay social security, they do not receive the full benefits as those of Israeli residents "because they do not live inside Israel — (it is) an unfair situa-

The report called on Israeli authorities to give Arab workers a "fairer" share of the contributions paid by Arabs to social security.

Nguyen said that the report did not directly address the problem of wages given to the Palestinians working in Israel. She noted that the recommendations were more general, "In order to ensure that Arab workers receive equal treatment in labour and employment."

Arab workers and labourers from the occupied territories, mostly from the Gaza Strip. are a source of cheap labour for Israel. It is reported that Arab workers receive less than half of what Israeli workers

Nguyen's mission is to collect as much information and consultation as possible on Arab workers' problems in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip from concerned Arab

"The information and opinions collected will be put at the disposal of another mission which will go directly to the occupied territories. Although the annual ILO fact-finding mission goes there every February, no time has been set

IMF training courses to be held in Amman

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ammanbased Arab Institute for Banking Studies (AIBS) will soon enter a series of agreements with an organisation run by the Washington-based International Monetary Fund (IMF) on organising training courses for Arab bankers such courses in Washington, according to AIBS Director

Hamdi Al Sagga.

Sagga made the statement during talks he was holding with IMF Institute Director Gerard Teyssier, who is currently visiting Jordan.

Teyssier had met also with Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) Governor Mohammad Saeed Al in Amman instead of conducting Nabulsi and the resident representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Dr. Ali Atiqa.

By Dr. Fahed Fanek

Jordan Times

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Rhetoric vs. action

HIS Majesty King Hussein sounded the alarm at the right time when he warned that Israel's policy of "importing" hundreds of thousands of Soviet Jews and simultaneously expelling Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza Strip aims to implement the Jewish state's well-established policy of "Jordan is the solution." In conjunction with this grand Israeli conspiracy against the well-being of Jordan, there is always the fear that Israel may even resort to a naked aggression against Jordan on one pretext or another that some elements or forces would innocently or maliciously provide the Israelis with.

As for the dangers posed by massive Soviet Jewish immigration to Israel, there is little that Jordan can do on its own. These dangers are so great that they require an equally great Arab "demonstration" of will of the most serious order. The message that the Soviet Union has received so far from the Arab World suggests that Arab protests against massive Jewish immigration from the Soviet Union to Israel are rhetorical in essence. The Arab governments themselves must become serious enough about this grave development before they can succeed in influencing the decisions of the Soviet Union and others in a serious way. The signals emanating from the Arab capitals do not speak as yet of any meaningful Arab reaction to one of the greatest challenges that the Arab Nation has faced in years. How to affect a real transformation in the Arab attitude towards the wider ramifications of mass Soviet Jewish immigration and in due course mobilise Arab public opinion in support of a substantive policy against this latest act of aggression against the Arab World is an issue that needs to be addressed head on.

The real answer to these latest forms of danger against the Arab Nation lies first and foremost in introducing perestroika and glasnost policies all over the Arab World. The Arab World has been standing still for too long in matters that count most, and an Arab restructuring in every conceivable way is just much overdue. The Arab countries can choose to keep the blinds on and pretend that there is nothing to worry about and that they are immune from the massive changes going around them, or they can simply accept the proposition that there is now only one world where interaction between peoples is the law of life and subsequently face the real challenges head on with wisdom and foresight.

The dangers from Israel would never cease and the Arab Nation will continue to be weak in encountering them as long as the Arabs view themselves as a separate world unmindful and unconcerned about what goes around them. This time around Israel's challenge takes the form of mass Jewish immigration from the Soviet Union. Tomorrow it will surely take another shape, no less awesome. Yet, at all times, Arab response would continue to take a rhetorical form until there is massive restructuring within the Arab World in order to elevate it to an appropriate level that would enable it to cope with such dangers.

JORDAN PRESS EDITORIALS

SOVIET Jewish immigration into Palestine constituted the theme of an editorial in Al Ra'l's Saturday edition. The paper referred to recent statements by His Majesty King Hussein and the PLO leader about the need for joint Arab action to counter this immigration and to check Israel's ambitious designs in the Arab region. Recent reports about the immigration from the Soviet Union, coincided with statements by Israeli leaders who announced their determination to hold on to the occupied Arab lands and to perpetuate Israel's occupation so that greater Israel can be created, the paper said. A PLO official, Mahmoud Abbas, has now echoed King Hussein's warning to the Arab World about the dangers inherent in this immigration. Abbas, said the paper, has called for a pan-Arab action at the highest level and that no time should be lost in countering Israel's threats. The Arab League's secretary general who also voiced his alarm at the reports, supported King Hussein's call for a joint Arab action to deal with the dangerous situation. Chadli Klibi's statement is tantamount to call on the Arabs to hold a special summit meeting to discuss this dangerous issue and future steps, said the paper.

A columnist in Al Ra'i Arabic daily dwells on the question of diverting the Euphrates river waters away from Iraq and Syria and its dangerous consequences on the Arab World. Abdul Rehim Omar says that this question does not concern Iraq and Syria alone, but rather the whole Arab Nation which, he says, is struggling to make available sufficient water supplies for its domestic, industrial and agricultural needs. The writer notes that Turkey is flooded with snow and rain water and hints that it is not actually in need to collect water for the Ataturk Dam and its reservoir in view of the huge amounts of rain water that fall annually on the country. The writer says that Turkey which is cutting the water off during the winter season, might resort to the same practice in the summer, and this could be repeated over and over again, dealing a devastating blow to the Arab countries' interests. Turkey whose crops fill the markets of the Arab World should understand the needs of the Arabs; and this question should be dealt with in an atmosphere of Islamic brotherhood so that the interests of all parties can be safeguarded.

Al Dustour daily tackled the continued Israeli atrocities in the occupied Arab lands and referred to the arrest of Faisal Husseini. Husseini's arrest, the paper said, clearly reflects the evil nature which characterises the Israeli leaders who openly fight peace and reject any moves towards a peaceful settlement with the Arabs. Israel is the only state in the world where terrorism, crimes and other atrocities are committed at the official level, and escapes punishment by the world community, the paper continued. It said that Israeli leaders have been unleashing their aggression and continuing their criminal activities against the Palestinian people to revenge against the ongoing uprising quite assured of no retribution from any nation or the world community at large.

Sunday's Economic Pulse

Direction is right

THE Jordanian economy reached the point of crisis in the fall of 1988. At the time the exchange rate of the dinar against the dollar took a sudden and steep dive, the foreign assets become scarce, the cost of imports rose sharply, the government stopped payments on foreign debts and people started to feel the pinch of a crisis.

People sometimes refer to certain dates which gave signals of the impeding crisis. May 2, 1988, was nicknamed black Monday, and June 2, 1988 which called the dark Thursday. Those two days witnessed a rush by people trying to change local currency into dollars, indicating that the public confidence in the dinar was deeply shaken. On October 10, 1988 the Central Bank closed its foreign exchange window and ceazed to provide banks with foreign currencies because its own reserves of foreign exchange were fully depleted. The Central Bank was left with no convertible currencies for intervention to protect the old fixed exchange rate of the dinar or, for that matter, any other rate. It secretly pledged part of its gold to obtain foreign exchange, but the amount evaporated in no time.

Those dates are no more than milestones on a long road leading to the crisis. The real reasons behind the crisis were acumulating for years, at least from 1982, when oil prices dropped, Arab financial aid declined, remittances of expatriates stagnated,

Jordanian exports became incompetitive in the Gulf, unemployment started to grow rapidly because job opportunity in the Gulf dried out, and the activities of the economy slowed down, especially in the area of new investment.

The government was expected to get ready and announce a state of emergency as early as possible. Unfortunately, three governments thought, or wanted to think, that the dificulty was a passing phenomenon, or a cloud in a summer sky that will simply go away. They decided to borrow externally and internally to bridge the gap, and to sustain public expenditure at even higher level, thinking that it is the duty of the government to make up for the slow down, as if it were a cyclical recession. Thus the external indebtness grew out of proportions and exceeded the capacity of the Jordanian economy to service. Jordan stopped payments towards the end of 1988 and asked creditors for rescheduling of the debts. The government finally called upon the IMF for help. The IMF's certificate of rationalising bad economies was needed to convince creditors to cooperate and give Jordan the badly needed grace period.

The government postponed the moment of truth for at least six years. During those six years it continued to go as fast as possible in the wrong direction. But once the bubble burst and the crisis became a fact and not a mere threat, the government wasted

no more time. It introduced policies in the monetary, fiscal, trade and industrial fields. The new policies proved to be effective, and started to give results in nine months only. The decline was stopped and a measure of stability was restored which will pave

the way for the resumption of growth.

The success achieved between October 88 and July 89 exceeded an expectations. It was not equalled by any other developing country under similar circumstances. That was mainly due to the flexibility of the Jordanian economy and its ability to adjust and. absorb the shock. Other factors that contributed to the quick results were the small size of the economy, the speed of thedecision-making process by the government, the relative efficiency of the public administration, the cooperation of the IMF, the understanding of the foreign creditors, and Arab emergency aid.

The year 1989 which was the first year in the five-year economic correction programme was a success as far as the fundamentals of the economy were concerned. In dollar terms exports were up by 15 per cent, imports down by 15 per cent, deficit in the budget was down by 3.5 per cent of GDP. Balance of payments showed a surplus of \$200 million. The Central Bank started to rebuild its reserves, and the exchange rate stabilised.

No one claims that the fundamentals of the economy are now in good shape, only the direction is right.

Amnesty: Excessive, indiscriminate use of force by Israel

By Richard Reoch

AMNESTY INTERNATION-AL'S reporting on human rights violations in Israel and the occupied territories has been strongly criticised as incorrect and biased. Harry Wall and Tom Sawicki (The Jerusalem Post, December 13, 1989 and The Jerusalem Post International Edition, December 23) present six arguments questioning the validity of our concerns and presentation. These deserve a full, public reply.

Referring to the Amnesty International Report 1989, they ciaim that Amnesty International "completely ignores the fact that Israel is facing a civil uprising by a hostile population aligned with organisations and countries at war with it." This is incorrect. The intifada is

specifically cited. The report makes it clear that violent demonstrations are one of the ways in which Palestinians have protested against the Israeli occupation. The context does not change Amnesty International's specific terms of reference: the human rights responsibilities of governments. Amnesty International would be failing in its duty if it did not detail the "often excessive and indiscriminate" use of force including the practice of widespread punitive beatings of Palestinians — some of which have resulted in death --- and the killing of others by shooting, even though the victims appear not to have been involved in any violent activities when shot.

The article accuses Amnesty International of refraining from denouncing the Palestine Liberation Organisation's (PLO) or "PLO-instigated" acts of vio-

As a matter of principle, Amnesty International condemns the torture or killing of Prisoners by anyone, whether perpetrated, instigated or condoned by governments or opposition groups such as the PLO or Hamas. This

By Paul Taylor

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM —

Faisal Al Husseini, arrested on

Friday for allegedly funding

Palestinian uprising militants, is

universally regarded as the pre-

eminent Arab nationalist leader

in the Israeli-occupied territories.

commander who fought and was

killed by Israel in the 1948 Middle

East war, Husseini advocates a

dialogue to convince all sectors of

Israeli society of the need for a

Palestinian state alongside the

court documents alleged he paid

members of an outlawed Palesti-

nian popular army to buy uni-

forms. Husseini denied the

Israeli rightists brand him the

'chief terrorist" — the secret

leader of the 25-month-old Arab

uprising against Israeli rule in the

West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Palestinians and Israeli leftists see

bol of the cause the Palestinian

people decided on - the cause of

peace," said philosopher Sari

recent interview that having

changed Arab and world public

opinion. Palestinians must work

on changing Israeli attitudes in

a move to the right (in Israel), but

people will realise more and more

than the main loser will be the

Israelis — their morality, their

principles, their belief in demo-

A relative of Palestine Libera-

tion Organisation Chairman Yas-

cracy," he said.

"In the beginning there will be

the third year of the uprising.

Husseini, 49, told Reuters in a

Nusseibeh, a close associate.

"Faisal has become the sym-

him as a man of peace.

Israeli police arrested him after

Jewish state.

charge.

Son of a Palestinian military

in fact has been a longstanding position of Amnesty International applicable throughout the world. It was reiterated in November 1989 with regard to the killing of alleged Palestinian collaborators in the occupied territories in order to make quite clear our position on this issue. Amnesty International, howev-

er, bases its work on international human rights standards and only addresses governments or other entities capable of effective law enforcement and therefore bound by such standards. Because the Israeli government has in practice exclusive jurisdiction in the occupied territories, it is solely responsible for law enforcement, including the bringing to justice, in accordance with international human rights standards, of those involved in killings of alleged collaborators.

The adoption by Amnesty International of actual or alleged members of the PLO as prisoners of conscience is an old bone of contention with the Israeli authorities who believe that any member of the PLO must, at least, advocate violence against Amnesty International recog-

nises that the PLO advocates violence that factions of the PIO have carried out acts of violence against Israel, and that obviously a large number of PLO members have sympathised with or approved of that. However, in determining whether an individual in any country is a prisoner of conscience, Amnesty International applies a consistent standard: did that person individualy use or advocate violence in the circumstances relating to his or her imprisonment? Membership of an organisation that advocates or uses violence is not sufficient answer to that question.

In the occupied territories, it appears that the vast majority of Palestinians view the PLO as the only vehicle for organised expression of their political aspirations. Not all Palestinians with nationalist views personally use or advocate violence, and membership of or association with the PLO or one of its factions cannot in itself be conclusive evidence that a certain individual has used or advocated violence. Amnesty International has considered a number of Palestinians — and

Israeli Jews — to be prisoners of conscience, believing that although suspected or actual members of the PLO, they had not been personally involved in any act of use or advocacy of violence. The Israeli government did not produce evidence to the contrary in such cases. During 1988, 40 to 60 people

are reported to have died follow-. ing tear-gas inhalation. No conclusive medical evidence has yet been produced to prove or disprove the extent to which these deaths were caused by inhalation of gas and the Israeli authorities have corresponded with Amnesty International on this matter. Tear-gas however, can be lethal, especially if misused by being fired into homes and other confined places as appears to have often happened in the occupied territories, particularly in the first months of the uprising. Reports of deaths following misuse of tear-gas led Amnesty International to raise this concern with the Israeli authorities in June

It should perhaps be noted in this context that the Israeli chief of staff reportedly acknowledged in an interview with Israel Radio on September 29, 1988 that people had died as a result of the use of tear-gas. He was quoted by The Jerusalem Post as having said: "In very isolated incidents it happens that people died of plastic bullets but that happened also, by the way, from rubber bullets and even by those who inhaled gas." Earlier that month the IDF had issued new orders to soldiers not to use tear-gas in confined

The report commissioned by MK Dedi Zucker in June 1988. while carefully indicating the problems with medical evidence. pointed out that exposure to teargas can be lethal and recommended that its use in confined spaces be forbidden.

We have been asked if we would ever accept information from the PLO. The answer is that Amnesty International is open to receive information from any source, pro-government or antigovernment. It is then the responsibility of the organisation to assess its reliability. Allegations are cross-checked with other sources. These include Israeli lawyers and human rights activists, official Israeli government documents, and court transcripts.

In accordance with its working procedures with all governments, Amnesty International also raises its concerns with the Israeli government before publishing reports on them. This practice was again confirmed during the meeting of our secretary general with Israeli Minister of Justice Dan Meridor in November 1989.

As to Amnesty International's presumed acceptance of "organised 'write-in' campaigns by PLO supporters, as evidenced by virtually identical reports by different organisations on alleged abuses," we would welcome knowing to which pro-PLO campaigns and Amnesty International reports this allegation refers.

We specify in our 1989 report why conditions in the Ketziot detention camp were "harsh." The report states: "Accommodation was in crowded tents which provided little protection from desert temperatures: medical services were inadequate; there were no family visits; and access to lawyers was restricted. Detainees were reported to have been beaten on the way to the detention centre and during detention. and subjected to arbitrary punish-

ence and mobilised international

support for a tax boycott in the

West Bank town of Beit Sahour.

The Israeli army closed off part

of central Jerusalem last October

in an unprecedented move to

prevent him holding a news con-

ference in support of the tax

Addressing foreign correspon-

Without a Palestinian state,

dents a few days earlier, Husseini

adopted an almost prime ministe-

there will be no peace," he de-

clared. He condoned the killing

Arabs who collaborated with

Israel's secret police, saying no

people in history had allowed

such "stinkers" to live in their

Husseini was born in Baghdad

in 1940 after his father, Abdul

Kader Al Husseini, and a cousin

Haj Amin Husseini, the grand

mufti of Jerusalem, were expelled

He grew up in Cairo, under-

went military training in Iraq and

Syria and served in the Palesti-

nian army, a precursor of the

He returned east Jerusalem

shortly before the 1967 Middle

East war and was in the city when

Israeli troops occupied the Arab

Jews were Euroepean settlers and

it was our right to throw them

out. But in 1967 we started to

face Israelis not only as an army

but as individuals," he told the

Jerusalem Post newspaper in

"We saw them as fathers,

mothers, children with no other

place to go. To force them to go

do now," he said.

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1987.

In November, 1988, judges for ter having illustrated cases of the Israeli Supreme Court noted overcrowding as the main problem and criticised certain disciplinary measures taken against detainees. Conditions in the camp were criticised during the year by first-hand independent observers such as the New York-

based Lawyers Committee for Human Rights. **Amnesty International opposes** the death penalty in all cases without reservations. This is the reason for our opposition to the imposition of the death penalty on John Demjanjuk. Harry Wall and Tom Sawicki find its location in the report strange. The normal practice in structuring country entries in our annual report is to illustrate death penalty cases af-

ili-treatment or torture. This is also the structure of the entry on Israel and the occupied terri-Finally, I wish to stress that;

painful as it may be for anyone in a country whose human rights record has been criticised to accept the validity of the critique, I can assure you that Amnesty International is at pains to apply consistent standards to every nation — the standards established under international law for the universal protection of human rights by all governments. The writer heads Amnesty

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OPEN FORUM

A bird's eye view-THIS "episode" is dedicated to all you people out there who have

given this series of articles good reviews. Like I said last time, I have been conducting my own opinion; poll. So for the results have been encouraging, so I guess I will continue what I have started. Most people I talked to agreed with what I have been saying, but I am sure there must be some reader somewhere who doesn't, if you don't agree, consider this a special invitation to write to Open

Forum and I am quite sure the editor will cooperate in getting a good debate going. If you do decide to write, let me give you a warning, I love debates. At any rate, thank you all for being a good "audience". Let's get on with some observations:

- On and off, (more off than on) different government departments, like the Ministry of Tourism or some municipalities, have tried to conduct anti-litter campaigns. Unfortunately, so far these efforts have not been very effective. I have an idea that may work. Anyone caught littering (in any way) would have to appear in court. The litter bug then has a choice; either the payment of a rather helty fine, or, alternatively, having all charges dropped. But, to have the charges dropped, the accused, will have, to prove to the court that such uncivilised behaviour is nothing but normal since that person, in his/her own home, actually throws empty cans and bottles in the garden, dumps ashtrays and puts out cigarettes on the living room floor, spits in the bedroom and drops used tissues in the kitchen.

Come on, people, this country is home to us all. Treat it as one! (Hats off to Mr. Arsian Ransadan for his efforts in cleaning up the airport highway)

— Do you know the difference between local time and real time? When someone says to you that he will come to meet with you at 10 a.m., this is real time. When he shows up at 11:30 a.m., that is really 10 a.m. local time. I wish we could change the system whereby everyone gets paid an hourly wage, and maybe then time will start to make a difference.

- I wish modern medicine would find:

A vaccine for people who are allergic to standing in line. A cure for those afflicted with a disease that doesn't let them admit their mistakes.

An antidote for the "can't stand letting anyone else get the credit for this achievement" sickness.

Magda Hamzek

LETTERS

Matter of training cessfully to raise its standards, at

To the Editor:

IF the comments reported by Nur Sati on tourism (Jordan Times, Thursday 18 January) are correct, there cannot be much hope for its future in Jordan.

duled incognito visit might the hotel industry! change his mind.

Jordanians do not like serving ing of hospitality through tourism world sometime: services. It is a matter of training. In recent years, Jordan's

national airline has striven suc-

all levels, to those of its richer international competitors. To fly RJ today is to receive pleasant, friendly service. This week my wife and I have been staying at the Plaza Hotel Amman, where the standard of service in every It is a matter of common know- the standard of service in every ledge that the situation in Aqaba department was just about peris unsatisfactory—it has been for fect, even to the selection and a long time. For Nasri Attalah to serving of wine. Such service, say that his inspectors find every- transferred here to Cyprus (a thing in tip top condition is ex- country with a thriving tourism traordinary. Perhaps an unsche- industry) would be the envy of Jordanians are very often

Opinion leaders like the chair- proud and happy to serve. All man of the Federation of Jorda- they need is to be guided and led nian Chambers of Commerce by example. It is one of life's mould the minds of managements privileges to make other people of graduates/trainees coming into happy. Working in tourism canindustry. It is nonsense to say and should be a fine vocation. Maybe Attainh and Asfour others, especially in the dispens- should look out into the real-

Patrick Skinner

Due to a technical error the Jordan Times handvertently dropped the would mean making them re- name of the writer of the Open Forum dated Jan. 20, 1990. The writer's usue is E. Yaghi.

Husseini: undisputed leader in occupied

ser Arafat. Husseini heads one of

He was a political prisoner

nian state later that year. one of the few PLO supporters who had influence with the rival

trial, Husseini beame the uprising's leading spokesman. He advocated civil disobedi-



territories

Jerusalem's patrician families with impeccable nationalist and Islamic credentials.

without trial when the uprising erupted in December 1987 but Israeli security sources say he played a key role in guiding the revolt from his prison cell.

In mid-1988, during a brief break in his imprisonment, he drafted a declaration of independence which strongly influ-

Council's declaration of a Palesti-A member of the Higher Islamic Council, he was regarded as

enced the Palestine National

Islamic fundamentalist resistance movement Hamas. Released in January 1989 aftersix more months in fail without

As the Palestinian uprising entered its third year, Amnesty International continues to monitor Israeli abuse of Palestinian human rights. The article on the left focuses on the Israeli army's use of force against civilians while the second article cites incidents in which Israeli forces kill innocent children.

Killings by Israeli forces

month, following a review con-ducted by the Ministry of Justice,

these existing guidelines were

officially endorsed. Since July in

the Gaza Strip and August in the West Bank, Israeli forces have

aiso been allowed to five plastic

beliets at people wearing masks.

the air; then fire at the person's

legs -- below the knee -- only if

the terrain allows for accurate

aiming. Soldiers must avoid firing at women and children ander 16.

Plastic bullets should not be used

at a range less than 70 metres,

beyond which they are supposed

to be non-lethal. When Plastic bullets

are fixed at masked people, the

procedures for the arrest of sus-

pects must be followed. It is not

clear whether this means that

soldiers are authorised to fire

plastic bullets at a range less than

Cylindrical rubber bullets, in

use since the early months of

intifade. and subber-coated

metal pellets or "marbles," intro-

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apparently fired as multiple bul-

lets. They are said to be non-

icthal unless they are fired at

The existing guidelines on the

use of firearms by Israeli forces

appear to permit the killing of

people who are involved in activi-

ties which do not accessarily en-

danger life, or are suspected of

having been involved in such acti-

vities or who are in fact simply

wearing masks. If so, these guide-

lines are incompatible with the

1979 United Nations Code of

Conduct for Law Enforcement

Officials. Article 3 of which

states: "Law enforcement offi-

cials may use force only when

strictly necessary and to the ex-

tent of required for the perform-

With regard to firearms, the

."The use of firening is consi-

dered an extreme measure. Every

effort should be made to exclude

the use of firearms, especially

against children. In general

firearms should not be used ex-

cept when a suspected offender

offers anned resistance or other-

wise jeopardises the lives of

others and less extreme measures

are not sufficient to restrain or

apprehend the suspected offen-

der. In every instance in which

firearm is discharged, a report

should be made promptly to the

The Israeli authorities have

stated to Al that the Code of

Conduct is not legally binding on

governments and that it is not intended to apply to situations

such as exist in occupied territor-

ies. However, Al believes that

the Code embodies the interna-

tionally recognised principles of

necessity and proportionality in

the use of force, which are in-

tended to safeguard international

legal rights, foremost among

which is the right to life and the

prohibition of torture or other

cruel, inhuman or degrading

treatment or punishment. Such

rights must be protected under all

competent authorities."

Commentary of this Article speci-

ance of their duty."

close range.

UNARMED Palestinian civilians have been abot dead by Israeli forces almost daily since the Palestinian intifacts (upresing) in in the occupied territories began on Dec. 9, 1987. The number of dead had exceeded 540 by the and of October 1989.

Existing guidelines for the use

The guidelines for opening fire
forearms as well as the pattern with plastic ballets require solkillings and subsequent invesdiers to first fire a warning shot in of firearms as well as the pattern of killings and subsequent investigations suggest the Israeli authorities are effectively condening, perhaps even encouraging, extrajudicial executions as a means of controlling the uprest.

During the intilade protests by Palestinians against the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip have taken many forms. The protests have included demonstrations and riots in which roads are blocked and stones and other missiles — including petrol bombs - are thrown at Israeli forces or civilians, Several hundred Israelis are reported to have been injured, and a mimber of Israeli soldiers and civilians have been killed. By the end of October 1989 about 130 Palestinians had been killed by other Palestinians. Most of them were suspected of "collaborating" with

the Israeli authorities. The Israel Defence Force (IDF), the paramilitary Border Police and other forces responsible for law enforcement in the occupied territories have tried to stop the disturbances by shooting at demonstrators, using tear-gas, and by severely beating detainees. The use of force has often been excessive and indiscriminate. Handreds have been killed and thousands injured as a result. Several Palestinians have also been killed and injured in attacks by Israeli settlers and by other Palestinians believed to be "collaborators."

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Al has repeatedly expressed concern about violations of buman rights committed by Israeli forces in response to be intificia. The organisation is particularly concerned that the guidelines regulating the circumstances in which troops can open fire an permit unjustifiable killings. In practice, the restrictions imposed by these guidelines are reportedly often disregarded. The authorities appear not to have taken adequate measures to promptly investigate fatal incidents and punish those found guilty of

abuses. Official enidelines on opening

Israeli forces in the occupied territories are equipped with weapons which fire at least four types of ammunition. The use of these weapos is regulated by specific guidelines indicating when troops can open fire and what procedures are to be followed when they do. The scope of the guidelines has been progressively extended during the course of the

intifada. Guidelinies in force throughout the intifacts permit the use of live amminition to arrest suspects. The procedure requires soldiers to first shout an order to hait, then fire in the air, and then fire at the suspect, aiming at the legs. It is not clear how serious an offence must be before the procedure can be initiated, but since September 1989 soldiers have been allowed to treat people wearing masks as suspects and consequently to use live ammunition in their efforts to arrest

> The same guidelines are followed in response to life-threatening situations, except when soldiers are fired on, or - since March 1988 - are confronted by an individual in the act of throwing a petrol bomb. In both such circumstances soldiers are apparently authorised to open fire on the attacker without

Special plastic bullets were introduced in August 1988 with the intention. Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin was quoted as saying, of wounding more people during demonstrations or nots but causing fewer fatalities: "The rioters are suffering more casualties.
That is precisely our aim." in October 1988 the attorney general stated that the sole purpose of the use of plastic bullets was to disperse rioters, not to deter

them through injury. During January 1989 official statements indicated that plastic bullets were to be fired at people involved in activities such at leading a disturbance, throwing stemat or building roadblocks. Following suggestions that plastic bullets could be fired at fleeing noters, the chief legal officer of the IDF was quoted, early in February, as saying that soldiers may not shoot plastic builets at fleeing rioters unless they were fleeing "in order to improve their positions and: continue the riot." The same;

The victims

Almost half of the over 540 was med civilishs shot dead by farnell forces between December 1967 and October 1969 were aged 18 or below. More than 110 of the victims were aged 16 or below, and iscladed children as young as three and four.

MOST of the victims were killed by ordinary bullets, although by the end of September 1989 as many as 117 had been killed by plastic bullets. Several others were reportedly killed by "marbles" and some also by rubber

Most of the killings appear to have taken place in the context of demonstrations or riots and those killed include people reported to have been involved in life-threatening activities. However, in an alarmingly high number of insthave been involved in any lifethreatening activities, or in any violent activity whatsoever, when they were shot. They were onlookers, or were running away. In stone-throwing incidents in which people often children were shot, it is not clear that, although violent, such incidents constituted a danger serious enough to justify the use of

In a number of cases unarmed Palestinians have also been killed by soldiers or men in plainelothes, apparently belonging to special units of the army or other security services, during operations ostensibly intended to arrest them in the streets or at home. The victims included people known or suspected to be leading activists in the intifada. Many were apparently shot when trying to escape. In addition, after shooting incidents Israeli forces have withheld or otherwise hampered emergency medical care for

firearms.

the casualties.

Al has documented several specific cases of people killed by Israeli forces in circumstances suggesting excessive use of force or deliberate killing. The following are some such cases, from 1989, including cases raised by AI with the Israeli authorities. To Al's knowledge, in none of these cases have the detailed findings of any investigation been made pubhe. In the absence of such informittion. Al's concerns with regard to these deaths cannot be

Rose Al Masri, aged 13, was shot in the head by a "marble" in the afternoon of Jan. 7 in Nablus. She was apparently shot from a distance of a few metres when she and a number of women tried to follow a relative who had been arrested and was being beaten while led away by two soldiers. The IDF said that stones had been thrown at the soldiers. She died of her wounds at Makessed Hospital in Jerusalem on Jan.

'Atwa Hirzalish, a university

student aged 26, was believed to be a local leader of the intifada in the village of Deir Ibzi' in the West Bank. He was shot on Feb. 27. He and four other youths were returning from a nearby village where they had taken a friend wounded in clashes with Israeli troops earlier that day. When they reached the centre of village they were apparently confronted by soldiers, one of whom fired at close range hitting 'Atwah Hirzallah twice in the head and once in the shoulder. The soldiers are reported to have

provented the other youths from assisting him. He was eventually taken to Ramallah Hospital, with a military escort, where he was pronounced dead.

On March 19 Samer 'Ararl, aged 11, was playing football when a convoy of soldiers entered his village, Silat A! Harthiyah, in the West Bank, apparently to warn the population that a number of houses were going to be destroyed. When they saw the soldiers arriving, the children ran to higher ground to watch what ances the victims do not appear to was going on. It is not clear whether they also threw stones. One soldier got out of his vehicle and opened fire, apparently without warning. Samer 'Arun was fatally wounded in the neck and fell to ground. One of his friends was injured in the legs. The same soldier is then said to have swung around and fired at other youths. One bullet hit 17-year-old Nu'uman Jaradat in the head. He died several hours later at Rambam Hospital in Haifa.

The same day As'ad Hammadak, agod 14, was walking home along a street in Gaza after having gone to buy medicine. He had allegedly been severely beaten by soldiers while detained in February and was still suffering from the resulting neck injuries. Reports of the incident state he was passing a group of people who were burning a tyre when a soldier shot him without warning from the top of a four-storey building. He was hit in the head by one bullet and was dead on arrival at Al Ahli Hospital. Milit ary sources said the soldier who shot him thought he was throwing a petrol bomb. According to relatives and medical personnel, however, he had difficulties in moving his neck and arms as result of his injuries, and would have had great difficulty in throwing a petrol bomb.

Salem Muharak, a wood carver and domestic worker aged 26, was shot on March 30 in the West. Bank village of Beit Saleh. In the early afternoon a group of Border Police arrived at the village in pursuit of demonstrators who were fleeing across nearby fields. According to reports Salem Mubarak was working in a field next to his home. One policeman is said to have aimed and fired at him from a distance of possibly 200 metres, without warning, hitting him in the head. He was taken to Makassed Hospital in Jerusalem where he died on April

Basel Ba'ara, an 18-year-old student, was shot and died in Nablus on the evening of April 14. He was in a street with other vouths when Israeli forces ordered them against a wall. Basel Ba'ara reportedly started to run and was shot in the back of the neck, fell down, but got up 'again and ran down a side path where he was confronted by more soldiers blocking the path, who shot him. Soldiers are said to have prevented two civilian ambulances from taking him to hospital until a military ambuiance arrived and took him to the military headquarters in Nablus.

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is not clear whether he was aiready dead. Maher Shaibek, aged 13, was shot on the morning of April 8 in Jenin. He came out of his house when he heard women shouting at soldiers who were forcing vouths to clear a road. As he

turned back to the house, two soldiers got out of a military vehicle. One of them reportedly knelt and fired one shot at him when he had reached the doorway of his home, hitting him in the head. He was taken to Jenin Hospital and then to Rambam Hospital in Haifa wher he died on

Naser Quesus, aged 17, was shot dead on April 16 in the Deheishe refugee camp near Bethlehem. He and other youths had been in the streets, despite a curiew, and had apparently been throwing stones at soldiers nearby. Soldiers are said to have fired rubber bullets at the group, then fired in the air. The youths tried to escape but ran into three more soldiers who opened fire. Naser Qassas was reportedly shot in the back. His friends took him to a hospital where he died shortly afterwards.

In Bethlehem on May 5, 12year-old Milad Shahin and a few other friends were throwing stones at soldiers stationed on look-out duty on higher ground. When he moved away from the wall he had been hiding behind in order to throw a stone, he was shot in the abdomen, apparently without warning, by a soldier stationed behind a tree at the look out point. He died in hos-

Also in Bethlehem, on Aug. 19, several youths were throwing stones at soldiers from the market irea. Suddenly, three to live people dressed as tourists with cameras and bags, later confirmed to have been soliders, pulled out guns and fired Radi Salah, aged 24, was shot in the chest and died. At least two others were reportedly deliberately shot in the legs at pointblank range by the same men after being seized.

Other unarmed civilians were shot dead during raids ostensibly intended to arrest them. They were believed to be local leading activists in the intifada. They include Yaser Abu Ghawsh, 17 who was shot dead in Ramallah on July 10 after a brief street chase. Three plainclothes men got out of a civilian vehicle, approached him, and as he tried to escape, fired in the air. They followed him into a side street and one reportedly shot him



metres. They then prevented a doctor who was nearby from assisting him, and loaded him onto a military vehicle which had arrived at the scene. He was apparently taken to the local military headquarters, not a hos-

his home in Deir Al Balah in the Gaza Strip. He was reportedly working on the roof when soldiers arrived to arrest him. He tried to escape through the backvard, but was shot in the head. Military sources said that arrest procedures had been followed. Between August and October a

Mohammad Al Agra, 28, was

killed on Sept. 14 during a raid on



number of vouths were killed in the Gaza Strip reportedly because they were wearing masks. writing graffiti, or attempting to confiscate special magnetic cards intorduced by the Israeli authorities to control Palestinian workers. They are said to have been killed by plainclothes men firing from civilian cars with Gaza number plates. Official sources said they were shot in accordance with arrest procedures, but witnesses claim that their killers opened fire in some cases at close range and without warning. The victims include Iyad Aba Kamal, 18, shot on Aug. 23. In Shaikh Radwan: Maher Darwish, 18, shot on Oct. 4 in Al Bureij refugee camp; and 'Abed Abu Salem, 18, shot on



Oct. 26 in Jabaiya refugee camp. During October, several of the 30 Palestinians reportedly shot dead that month by Israeli forces in the occupied territories were said to have been among groups of masked people. Military sources said they were shot in accordance with arrest procedures when they tried to escape. They include Nidal Habash, 22, shot in Nabhus on Oct. 9 eyewitnesses claim that he had stopped and raised his hands in surrender when he was killed; 'Ammar Qaddumi, 18, and Yasin Al Masri, 25, shot on Oct. 12 in the Nablus area, Saleh Jawarish, 22, shot on Oct. 13 in Beit Jala and Nidal Hajaj, 18, shot on Oct.

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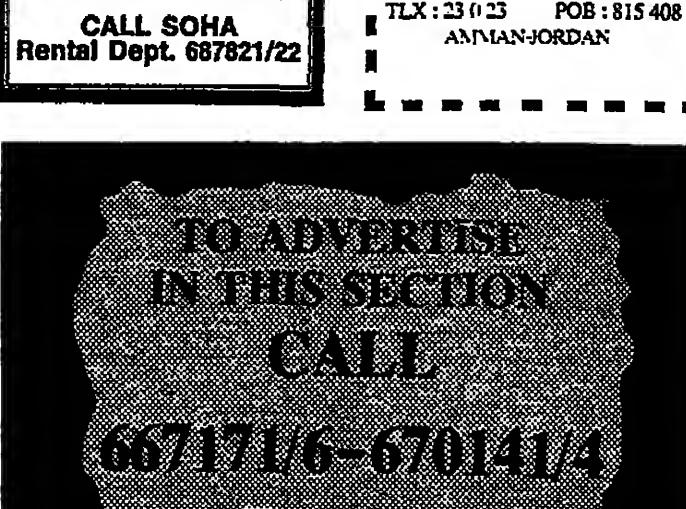
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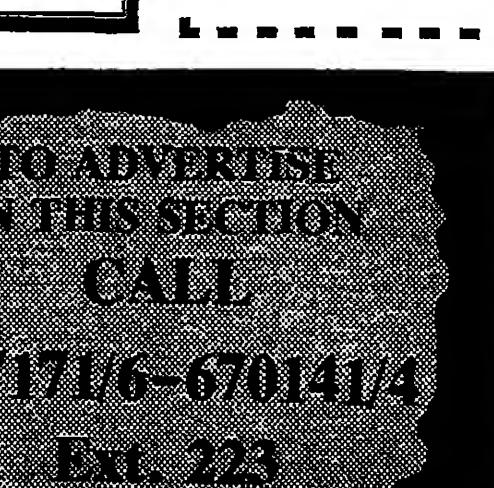
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India targets specific Jordanian needs

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN — Two years of intense market research has enabled India to identify three distinct areas through which the sub-continent could increase its exports to Jordan and address part of the trade imbalance which is heavily in favour of the Kingdom, according to a senior Indian trade official based in Amman.

Jordan has substantial needs of sova bean meals, frozen meat and bulk drugs for pharmaceuticals and the Indian government will concentrating on these three fields during 1990, said A.K. Gandhi, resident manager in Amman of the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation (MMTC) of

India. Gandhi estimates the annual Jordanian consumption of soya bean meal — mainly used as poultry feed — between 50,000 and 60,000 tonnes, most of it presently imported from Europe and the United States.

"Our prices are competitive

and the quality is no less than what is currently being imported to Jordan from elsewhere," said Gandhi in an interview with the Jordan Times. He said contracts had already been signed for the supply of about 10,000 toanes of the product, with a total cost of about \$3 million.

While no definite order has been finalised. India is offering frezen beef and veal "of the same quality and standards" of any other competitor, Gandhi said. A trial shipment is in the pipeline, with India ferrying the consignment to the port of Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) a regular consumer of Indian meat - from where it would be transported by refrigerated trucks: to Jordan. Gandhi said.

"It is too early to discuss our expected sales of meat to Jordan," he added. Jordan's total annual consumption of meat is around 60,000 tonnes, according to Gandhi's estimates.

The third area that India is focusing on in its bid to boost exports to Jordan is bulk drugs

for the Kingdom's pharmaceutical industries. Intense contacts are under way to finalise deals involving the supply of several items, including ibuprofin, paracetanol and cephalexin, Gandhi said. Again, he refrained from revealing India's expectations in terms and quantity and price in this

Other senior MMTC officials have said that construction materials, is also an area where India could compete with other countries in exports to jordan. But, these dealings are mostly conducted by the private sector, and Gandhi could not provide details.

One of the main hurdles facing increased Indian exports to Jordan is the lack of a direct shipping link between the two countries. Indian bulk carriers call at Agaba port to collect phosphates and related products, but there appears little coordination at their home ports to arrange transport of Indian products to the Kingdom.

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ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS:

Jordan cost of living rises 26%

AMMAN (R) — After years of low inflation Jordan's cost of living soared 26 per cent in 1989, matching a plunge in the value of the dinar, official figures show. The Statistics Department said the cost of living index rose to 148.1 in December from 143.9 in November and 117.6 in December 1988, an increase of 25.9 per cent for the year. The dinar lost 26 per cent of its dollar value in 1989. The cost of living index, based on a basket-of goods and services which a family living on a public-sector salary might consume, rose only 54 per cent in the entire decade before 1989. It was unchanged in 1986, dropped slightly in 1987 and rose 6.6 per cent in 1988 before taking off last year. There has been no general increase in public-sector wages since March 1985 and the government does not plan one this year. Its austerity 1990 budget proposes cuts in a real public spending and higher tax revenue, but allots 60 million dinars (\$92 million) for food subsidies.

More Arabs visit Britain

LONDON (Agencies) — There has been a 10% increase in Arab national visitors to Britain from 1986-1988 and the trend is expected to continue with 1989 statistics, according to the Middle East Department of the British Tourist Authority. The information is based on people visiting Britain from the GCC states, Middle East and Near East countries. "The statistics present a fairly accurate representation of visitors to the U.K. since the analysis includes a breakdown by nationality and geographic area which is not always reflected in general government statistics," explains Ian Harwood, head of BTA's Middle East Department. The statistics show that in 1986 there was a fall in the number of Arab nationals visiting Britain. This was caused by a variety of factors including economic and political unrest in some Arab countries and crises in Europe which discouraged people from visiting European destinations. Since 1986 there has been a steady recovery in the number of Arab nationals visiting Britain with major increases in the numbers of nationals from Saudi Arabia, Oman and Bahrain.

Algerian tax collectors end strike

ALGIERS (R) — Algerian tax collectors went back to work Saturday after a one-week strike, Algerian radio reported. They had demanded a special statute for tax and finance employees as well as greater benefits and promotions. They agreed to resume work after the economy minister pledged to draw up a statute by March.

Oman Development Bank gets loan

NICOSIA (R) — Oman's Development Bank is to get a five million riyal (\$13 million) loan from the National Bank of Oman, according to an agreement signed Saturday. The Omani News Agency said the money would be used to finance investment projects in the industrial, agriculture and energy sectors. Since its establishment in 1976, the Oman Development Bank paid out 51 million rivals (\$132 million), funding 272 projects in the sultanate. the agency said.

Investments in Portugal surge

LISBON (R) — Foreign investment in Portugal, led by the property and tourism sectors, more than doubled last year as confidence in Western Europe's poorest economy boomed, the government has said. Preliminary figures show direct foreign investment surged to 360 billion escudos (\$2.4 billion) from 138billion escudos (\$980 million) in 1988 in the third straight year of dramatic growth, Trade and Tourism Minister Joaquim Ferreira Do Amaral told reporters. "Foreign investment has a key role, ensuring the country's development at a significant rate," he said. Portugal has the lowest per capita income in the European Community but one of its fastest growing economies. Since joining the 12-nation group in 1986, Portugal has been showered. by structural funds and its low costs have attracted foreigners. Britain topped the list, followed by France, Spain, the United States and Japan. Real estate and tourism led the way with foreign investment of 97 billion escudos (\$647 million), up 34 per cent. The bank and finance sector pulled in 61 billion escudos (\$406 million) and transformer industries 58 billion escudos (\$387 million).

Japan reschedules Nigerian debts

LAGOS (R) — Nigeria and Japan signed a rescheduling agreement Friday covering about \$500 million in Nigerian debt, a Japanese embassy official here said. Takao Shibata said roughly 85 per cent of this amount was insured commercial debt, rescheduled at 6.8 per cent interest over 10 years with five years' grace. The agreement was part of a \$5.7 billion package agreed with 17 of Nigeria's creditor governments in the so-called Paris Club last March. Most of the 17 bilateral deals have now been signed under the agreement, which covered debt due up to April 1990. Rescheduled payments, at market rates, are due to start in February 1995, and to be made in 10 equal semi-annual instalments. Shibata said Friday's signing should have taken place months ago, but was delayed due to procedural matters. Nigeria appealed during the ceremony to creditor nations to reduce the debt stock of developing countries and provide more concessionary rescheduling.

Brazil fuel prices rise 101%

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — The government has ordered a 61 per cent increase in fuel prices, which have more than doubled in 10 days. The pump price of gasoline rose from 7.55 new cruzados a litre (\$1.98 a gallon) to 12 new cruzados (\$3:14 a gallon). The retail price of diesel fuel, kerosene, and cooking gas also went up. Pure alcohol fuel went from 5.67 new cruzados a litre (\$1.49 a gallon) to 9 new cruzados (\$2.36 a gallon). The government subsidises alcohol to make it 25 per cent cheaper than gasoline, although it costs twice as much as gasoline to produce. About one-third of Brazil's 13.5 million vehicles run on alcohol made from domestically grown sugar cane. The increase came just 10days after a 27 per cent price hike. Fuel prices have risen 101 per cent this month. The government adjusts fuel prices for inflation. It raised prices 17 times last year, when inflation was 1,765 per

Soaring imports reduce Japan's trade surplus

TOKYO (R) — Japan's trade surplus plunged by more than 15 per cent last year as imports soared but economists said further progress in 1990 will be hard to come by.

The surplus fell to \$64.4 billion last year from \$77.6 billion in 1988, the finance ministry said Friday.

It was the smallest surplus since 1985 and represented a much bigger drop than most economists had expected.

Imports rose more than 10 per cent, helped by higher oil prices and strong domestic demand in Japan, while exports grew a scant four per cent.

"Japan's efforts to increase imports of manufactured goods and production of Japanese products abroad, such as automobiles, have begun to bear fruit, fruit," Finance Minister Sadaaki Hirasawa told a news comerence.

"The overall situation is moving in a favourable direction," he noted.

The figures did not look nearly so good for trade with the United States, Japan's biggest trading partner and a constant critic of its trade policies.

Japan's surplus with the United States edged down to \$45 billion in 1989, from \$47.6 billion in

"Unless both sides are very cautious and careful not to act too irrationally, the relationship between Japan and the United States will be a very tough one this year," senior Japanese trade official Noboru Hatakeyama

Private economists agreed and said Japan will be hard pressed to. cut by much either its global surplus or its surplus with the United States this year.

Some of the special factors that helped cut the surplus last year such as high oil prices and the weak yen - are not likely to have so large an impact in 1990, they

"We could very well have seen the bottom of the improvement of Japan's trade surplus," said Adrian Tschoegl, an economist with broker SBCI Securities

Besides oil, the biggest import successes last year included cars and liquor, two products that benefitted from changes in tax laws and the growing affluence of

the Japanese. The weak yen, which dropped nearly 15 per cent last year, also temporarily boosted the dollar value of Japan's imports.

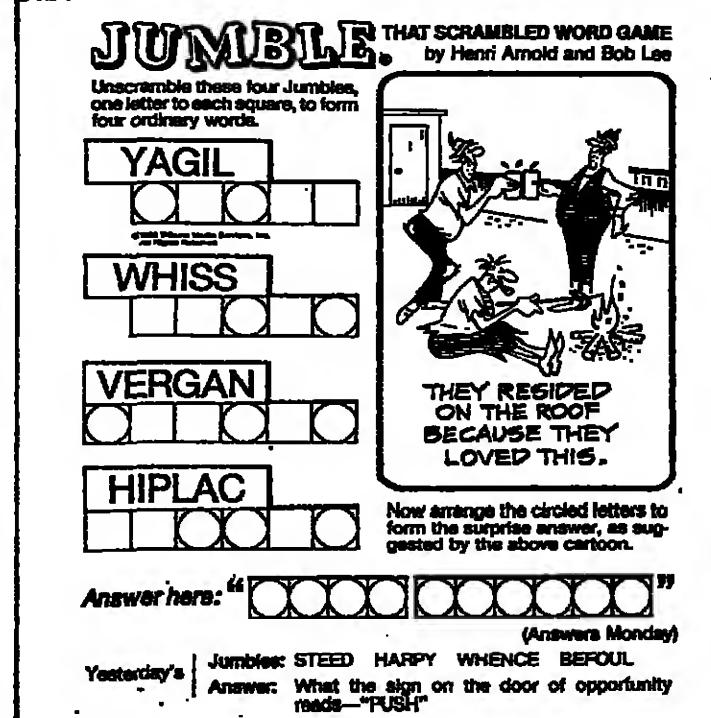
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"Today must be my anniversary. My wife is wearing a black armband."



Maradona ignites yet another controversy

MILAN, Italy (AP) — Argentine soccer star Diego Maradone, who is used to creating approars on and off the field, began a crusped this week against the Italian sportswriters practice of grading players performances.

Maradona completes that players are treated like school boys in Monday sports pages by writers who give marks ranging from one to 10 based on a player's performance in Sunday's major league

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A .- At rubber bridge, it's probably

right to take your sure profit by

doubling four species. At duplicate,

you have a real headache-your

penalty might not compensate for

the game. We would bid, and our

choice would be a natural five dia-

monds, to give pattner a choice of

Q.2—Both vulnerable, as South you

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A .- There is no perfect solution. If

you rebid one no trump, you de-

scribe the shape of your hand but lie

about having a heart gropper; if you

choose two clubs, partner will ex-

peet at least mine cards in the mi-

nors. We prefer the former, since it

tells pariner all the salient features

Q.3—Both vulnerable, as South you

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A.—Because of your no trump re-

bid, partner's two hearts is not fore-

ing. Since you have already advised

partner of the shape and strength of auction.

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of your hand in one fell swoop.

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The bidding has proceeded:

Pass

What do you bid now?

South West North East

North East

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Pass

The bidding has proceeded:

Witat action do you take?

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apparently study by the low marks he received after last Sunday's match, is likely to get the fall support of other players. However, the players have little hope of bringing an end to the popular soccer feature that has appeared in Italian newspapers stace the 1950s.

Maradons, who recently canced an international futor by alleging that the World Cup draw had been fixed, complained that sportswriters "have no right to treat us like children." He also

GOREN BRIDGE WITH OMER SHERIF

your preference between his suits.

Your hearts are clearly better, so

Q.4...Neither volherable, as South

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A .- Avoid raining partner's minor

with weak four-card support if you

can find any afternative. Here, your

hand is no trump in shape and you

have an honor to every sun. A re-

sponse of our no trump describes

Q.5-Neuther vulnerable, as South

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Iween a pass and a raise to three po

trump. Although we like to be rath-

er conservative at this vulnerability.

our support for partner's diamond

and this he were in the thirty that

trump. You have a probable squice

Q.6-Neither vulnerable, as South

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A .- From your point of view, you

can't be sure your side can best six

bearts! Your spade length detracts

from partner's defensive capabili-

ties, but makes your hand attractive

for offense. Jump to four spades to

make it as difficult as possible for

the opponents to get into the

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What action do you take?

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of tricks in diamonds.

The bidding has proceeded:

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North East

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What do you hid now?

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diamond. What do you respond?

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

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you beld:

you hold.

North East

against Udinese. in Italy's sooner report cards, which sometimes combine low or high marks with a brief explanation for the judgement, six is considered the lowest passing

Maradona's complaint began Monday when Napies' most au-

thoritative daily Il Mattino gave

him an extremely low mark - 3.5

for his lacklester performance

not in England.

contended that "their judge-

ments are often in bad faith."

ten, who slammed three goals in almost-non existent efficiency."

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You

are having a lot of activity in areas that have to do with the little things

of life but be sure to concentrate

on all the details so that pone of

your efforts will need to be repe-

ARDES: (March 21 to April 19)

Welcome interesting persons from

a distance and entertain them in

your home. Aiding your attach-

ment with casential tasks will bring

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Be

sure you carry through with obliga-tions already made to good friends.

Follow advice of an export about

GEMINE: (May 21 to June 21) A

partner comes forth with a good

suggestion by which you can be

more prosperous. Your attach-

ment will particularly respond to

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to

July 21) Home is the best place at

which to entertain your select

group of friends. Try to really

understand just what your mate

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Re-

rurn social obligations to friends

now to a highly particular fashion.

to see people you both especially

VIRGO: (August 22 to September

22) Take members of family with

you when you go out on social

A time to go with your attachment

some home improvements.

going to interesting places.

expects of you now.

you more affection.

AC Milan's victory over Atlanta last Wednesday, received 8 in

Maradona urged the Italian association of professional play-Hot-tempered Maradona, cre - a sort of players' trade who's the captain of major league Napoli and of the Argentina union — to defend its members from the "attacks" of the renational team, reportedly inporters and to possibly put an end sulted Giuseppe Pacileo - the to the publication of the report-

HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR SUNDAY JANUARY 21, 1990

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

soccer commentator of Il Mattino - as they met at a private television network in Napoli for a Ment marks for soccer players are published in some West Gerweekly sports telecast Tuesday, man and French newspapers but causing trate comments in most Italian newspapers.

Relations between the Italian media and Maradona, perhaps the world's most popular player and certainly the highest paid, grew tense this year after critical comments about his marriage in Argentina and of his long-postponed return from a summer vacation appeared in the press.

Maradona said be was offended by the unjustified low mark and by a comment reading Dutch striker Marco van Bas- that "he should be ashamed of his

engagements. Be sure you only

invite persons you can mally trust

LIBRA: (September 23 to October

22) Get off alone with a good

friend whose advise is worthwhile.

Get out in the world of activity

with your attachment as much as

SCORPIO: (October 23 to Novem-

ber 21) Thinking about more abundance now brings you the

inspiration to increase your assets.

Let your family now realise that

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to

December 21) A day when your

social life can bring you the

prestest amount of happiness. Don't get impatient with home

conditions as improvements will

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to

January 20) Spend as much time in

intimate huddles with your own

household as possible. Introduce

your loved one to the most influen-

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to Febru-

ary 19) Make as many new

friendships and acquaintances as

possible. A time to entertain in

your home newcomers you have

PISCES: (February 20 to March

20) Your home should be the

centre of any confidential discus-

sions. Put more pizzaz into your

relations with your loved one now.

recently met.

tial person you can contact.

you value their opinion.

into your home.

Sabatini retires from open; Becker stands by drug quote

By Robert Woodward

MELBOURNE - A distraught Gabriela Sabatini left the Australian Open tennis championships in a wheelchair on Saturday after being forced to retire from her third round match with a severely twisted ankle.

The exit of the second-seeded Argentine from the first match on Centre Court heralded a day when the opening grand slam tournament of the 1990's finally came to life after five days of predictable results and little drama.

Just 90 minutes later Australia's Mark Woodforde collapsed on court one with a similar but more serious injury than Sabatim, triggering a chorus of concern about the subberised court sur-

Wimbledon and U.S. Open champion Boris Becker, who suggested open organisers should switch back to grass, was untroubled on court against Frenchman Olivier Delaitre.

But Becker was less happy when asked about comments made in an inserview with a West German magazine, which he stood by, that he would probably take drugs if he thought he was being beaten because other players were using them.

Becker, the men's second seed, and third seed Stefan Edberg both lost just eight games in reaching the last 16 where they were joined by Veli Paloheimo the first Finn to go past the third round in a grand slam tournsment - and American David Wheaton, who profitted from Woodforde's retirement.

Wheaton will now play fifth-

seed Aaron Krickstein after the where but this surface tends to American defeated Lars Wahlgrip the foot and we have seen a gren of Sweden 6-7, 6-2, 6-3, 6-2. lot of pulls and strains because of Sabatini, one of the most fluent

movers in the game, fell heavily,

Leading 6-1, 1-0 at the time,

she limped to her chair at the side

of the court, with a lump the size

of an egg clearly visible on the

pack was applied. A clearly dis-

tressed Sabatini covered her eyes

The five minute period allowed

had nearly passed when, grimacing

with pain, she told officials she

She was taken to hospital

It will be two to three weeks

before Sabatini can test ber leg

again but Woodforde faces an

operation, and six months out of

the game, after tearing two liga-

ments completely away from his

The main beneficiary of Sabati-

ni's departure will be her doubles

partner, world number one Steffi

Graf, who now appears to have

no serious rival for her third

pain and she has a very high pain

tolerance," said physiotherapist

Kathleen Stroia, who described

Sabatini's injury as the worst of

its type she had seen a tennis

"I think it could happen any-

"She told me she was in a lot of

successive open title.

where doctors said she had a

slightly torn ligament in her left

to offer sympathy.

could not continue.

ankle bone.

player suffer.

are separate.

Germany's Claudia Porwik.

Porwick now will play South when off balance after racing to African Dinky van Rensberg reach a drop shot from West while American Angelica Gavaldon's surprise 6-1, 1-6, 6-1 defeat of Australia's seventh seed Hana Mandhkova earned her a fourth round clash with compatriot Gigi Fernandez, seeded 15.

side of her left ankle before an ice "My performance today was absolutely embarrassing," said Mandlikova, a two-time winner with a towel as Porwik came over here. "If I'm not able to do more against a player like that, it's very to players to recover from injury

Donna Faber beat fellow American Ros Fairbank, seeded 14th, while number three seed Zina Garrison of the United States had to fight back from a set down before beating France's Isabelle Demongeot 5-7, 6-3, 6-4.

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Johnson stripped of record pionships, had been deleted from

TOKYO (R) — Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson, who failed a drugs test at the 1988 Seoul Olympics, was stripped of his 100 metres world record on Samiday.

The decision taken at an International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) council meeting in Tokyo followed a vote at an IAAF congress in Barcelona in September to strip world records and lAAF titles from athletes who later confessed to having taken drugs.

An IAAF official said Johnson's world mark of 9.83 seconds, set at the 1987 Rome world cham-

the latest list of world athletics records published on January 1, Johnson clocked 9.79 when he won the 100 metres in Seoul, but

the time was not recognised after

his positive dope test. American Carl Lewis is now listed as the holder of the world record of 9.92 which he clocked when finishing second behind Johnson at the Seoul games.

Johnson, who has admitted taking steroids since 1981, also loses two indoor world marks in the list of records released by the IAAF on Saturday.

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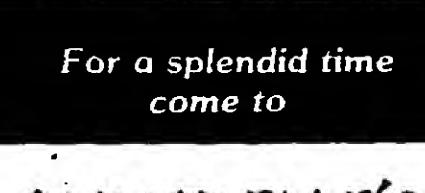
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U.S. welcomes Soviet cut in air presence in Vietnam

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government spokesmen have applanded the withdrawal of some Soviet warplanes from Cam Ranh Bay in Vietnam and said Defence Secretary Dick Cheney would discuss possible responses when he visits U.S. allies in the Far East next month.

Chency plans to travel in mid-February to Japan, Korea and the Philippines, three nations where the United States has major bases, administration officials

The Soviet amouncement was not expected to lead to an immediate cut in U.S. troops in the Far East, according to administration spokesmen, but they did not rule out a reduction.

U.S. "force levels in the region are based on the long-term threat and our force levels are based on a rational analysis of that threat in the region," said a Defence Department spokesman, Edward

"We continually review our force posture and do so in full

consultation with our allies so that we can determine the appropriate levels of deployment," he said.

A State Department official read an identifical statement when asked whether the United States would respond to the Soviet announcement by cutting its own forces in the Far East. Administration officials discus-

sed Cheney's mission only on condition they not be further identified because the trip has not been announced. They declined to disclose the exact timetable or agenda.

The cut in the number of Soviet Mig-23 "Flogger" fighters and TU-16 "Badger" bombers, announced in Moscow Thursday. will enhance "regional stability" and was part of a reduction in Soviet operations abroad over the past two years, said Lundquist. "We welcome that announce-

ment," Lundquist said. "This is part of their overall reduction of overseas operations," and had been spotted by the Defence De-

withdrawing 50,000 of its 60,000 partment before the Soviet statement, he said. At the State Department, spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler

said U.S. officials "anticipate that less Soviet military involvement in South-East Asia would contribute to regional stability and to efforts to achieve a comprehensive political settlement to the Cambodian conflict."

Last year, the Soviet-backed government of Vietnam withdrerw its occupation force from Cambodia, and an international conference in Paris last week reported progress towards a political solution to the Cambodian civil war. The partial withdrawal from

in Asia and around the globe, announced at the United Nations in December 1988 by Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev. Gorbachev said the Soviet armed forces would be cut overall

by 10 per cent, pulling troops and

tanks from Eastern Europe and

Cam Ranh Bay was part of a

general reduction in Soviet forces

troops from neighbouring Mongolia, along the Chinese border. Beijing, which restored relations with Moscow last year, had demanded such a cut as a condition for improved ties.

have deployed, and the tempo of operations at Cam Ranh was less in 1989 than it was in 1988, and that was less than in 1987," said Lundquist. In Moscow, Foreign Ministry

deputy spokesman Vadim Perfi-

livev said up to 10 aircraft re-

mained at Cam Ranh Bay.

"Acting within the framework of the earlier announced measures to reduce the numerical strength of the Soviet armed forces in the country's eastern section and convert them to purely defensive structure in the Asia-Pacific region, the Soviet Union has started reducing its presence

in Cam Ranh port by arrange-

shuttle mission that retrieved a valuable science satellite. Commander Dan Brandenstein guided the winged space plane out of the darkness to a touchdown at 0936 GMT on a brightly lighted concrete runway after a journey of 7.2 million

kilometres. "The number of aircraft they Columbia was not visible to viewers here until it was making its final approach just above the "Roger, Columbia, welcome home, an outs-

tanding job," said mission control's Mike Baker. "Great way to start the decade." Two sonic booms cracked overhead as the spaceship descended through a clear sky and made its sweeping approach into this desert

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, California

(Agencies) - Space shuttle Columbia streaked

out of orbit to a delayed landing in the Mojave Desert Saturday at the end of a record 11-day

sirbase. The landing was postponed a day because of fog over the runways at this desert airbase and then was delayed another 95 minutes Saturday while the astronauts resolved a computer

The five astronauts started their return from orbit'an hour before touchdown when Brandenstein fired Columbia's braking rockets 333

kilometres above the Indian Ocean. That slowed the ship's 28,000-kph speed by 535 kph and started it on a long, fiery dive through the

Conditions were good Saturday, with only a slight fog buildup, a few scattered clouds, light winds and clear visibility.

With a recovered science satellite in its cargo bay, columbia, at 114 tons, was four tons heavier. than any other shuttle at landing.

The space shuttle was to have landed Friday morning but the five astronauts were told to take an extra 90-minute trip round Earth and then to spend another day in space when fog blanketed the desert air base.

A back-up computer, one of five on board, broke down shortly before Columbia was due to land at midnight Friday, forcing yet another extra trip round Earth while astronauts and mission

ground control fixed the "blip." Launching pad and other problems had earlier postponed the lift-off of Columbia from Cape

By the time Columbia landed at Edwards Air Force Base in the glare of spotlights in the cold night, it had been in space longer than any other U.S. shuttle — 10 days and 21 hours. Columbia also held the record for a previous mission -- 10 days and seven hours.

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Barco cautious over druglords' ment with the Vietnamese side," Perfiliyev said. acceptance of defeat, offer ficking suspects wanted by the

BOGOTA (AP) — President Virgilio Barco warned Friday against high expectations created by drug traffickers who say the government has won the drug

Barco said his administration would take the best road to ensure a final victory over traffickers, who released a statement Wednesday announcing their acceptance of defeat at the hands of the government.

"The country has not allowed itself to be carried away by hasty expectations," Barco said in his own communique. "It should maintain that attitude."

In light of the drug traffickers' admission of defeat, the presidential statement said it was necessary "to take the best road to ensure the final success of the policy followed by the government, supported by the Colombian people and the international community."

The presidential communique, which was sent to Colombian and foreign media, did not specify what, if any, new steps the government would take to cement a victory over drug trafficking.

It did not mention Colombia's

United States to that country for trial. The policy was implemented last summer to move drug traffickers out of the Colombian judicial system, which had been battered with killings. threats and bribery.

Colombia lands after record flight

"The Extraditables" said in the Wednesday communique that they were conceding victory to the government in a drug war that was intensified last August, after traffickers gunned down a leading presidential candidate — Senator Luis Carlos Galan.

In the communique, the group offered to abandon the cocaine trade, lay down its arms, call a hault to its terrorist campaign and release all of its hostages. In return it asked only for "constitutional and legal guarantees" from the state.

The communique was delivered to the government by the first of two cartel hostages that were released. Patricia Echavarria, the sister of President Barco's son-in-law, and her daughter Dina were freed Wednesday in Medellin.

Traffickers released another hostage, Mauricio Toro, Thurs-

23-year-old merchant to memorise a message for U.S. President George Bush. The message urged Bush to take traffickers at their word when they said they were ready to surrender. Barco, responding to reports of

the cartel's surrender, had earlier said that the Medellin cartel could not be believed. The cartel continues to hold at

least 18 hostages, including Alvaro Diego Montoya, the son of Barco's general secretary and closest advisor, German Mon-The Extraditables' communique has sparked debate between

political leaders who view it as an unconditional surrender and those who consider it yet another ploy by traffickers trying to persnade the government to end extradition of Colombia's to the United States where many of them are wanted. The Medellin cartel has repe-

atedly offered to hault cocaine shipments abroad, turn over processing laboratories and arms. and cooperate in fighting other traffickers. In return it has asked for amnesty for past crimes and

Suicide bid brings a big bill

BRUSSELS (R) — A suicidal young Belgian faces a damages bill for thousands of dollars after he survived an attempt to blow. himself up by smoking a cigarette in a gas-filled flat. The nationalnews agency Belga reported Friday that the 21-year-old man, whom it did not name, had cut gas pipes and then lit up. The resulting explosion started a fire and blew tiles off the roof, damaging cars on the street below. Belga estimated damage at hundreds of thousands of dollars,

Spurned lover turns vindictive

NAPLES (R) — A spurned Latin lover plastered walls in the centre of Naples with nude photos of his ex-girlfriend, giving her name and offering sex with her for 100,000 lire (\$80), police said Friday. They said the girl, who. reported her former boyfriend to. police, claimed that he had previously tried to get her back by threatening her with a pistol and by bombarding her new boyfriend with anonymous phone calls and demands for money.

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Gorbachev renews nuclear proposal

MOSCOW (R) - Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev has renewed his longstanding offer to end all Soviet nuclear tests.

He said such a step — rejected in the past by the United States --- would remove a threat to mankind and benefit the world's endangered environment.

"The Soviet Union believes that a reduction in military activity is vital not only to reduce the threats of war but also to maintain the environment," he told the closing session Friday of a five-day U.N. conference on the environment. "We believe the most correct

and decisive step here would be a total ban on nuclear tests. I hereby declare again the Soviet Union's readiness to end all nuclear tests at any time once and for all, provided the United States does the same."

Since coming to power in 1985, Gorbachev has repeatedly offered to end all tests but the United States has rejected the proposal, saying testing is vital to maintain and upgrade missile sys-

WASHINGTON (R) -

Washington's Mayor Marion Bar-

ry, his political future clouded by

criminal charges that he smoked

crack cocaine, has stepped aside

temporarily as he fights the

allegations and reports for weekly

During a momentous day of

events that reverberated through

a nation's capital that is used to

high drama, the nationally known

black Democratic politician took

on a new role Friday as criminal

Hours later, he announced he

was stepping aside to fight the

charge and turning over his

mayoral duties to city adminis-

planned announce this Sunday

that he was running for a fourth,

four-year term - said he now

was postponing his campaign

announcement so he can fight the

night at a Washington hotel after

agents of the Federal Bureau of

Investigation (FBI), running a

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said they captured him on

Barry was arrested Thursday

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Moscow respected a unilateral Washington mayor

Mikhail Gorbachev

ban on tests for about 15 months, but resumed them in early 1988 and has since conducted them regulariy.

Gorbachev, lavishly praised by delegates to the U.N. Global Forum conference, listed a sixpoint plan to tackle international environmental issues, focusing on enhanced cooperation and exchange of information and tech-

He said he supported proposals by the European Community to establish an agency defend the environment and suggested creating a "green cross' organisation "which would come in case of ecological disaster."

videotape smoking crack, a high-

The operation was conducted

with the cooperation of a black

woman whom Barry knew, police

said. They did not identify her.

At a court hearing Friday, he

was formally charged with one

misdemeanour count - a minor

version of a charge — of posses-

sion of crack. The charge carries

a maximum sentence of one ver

in prison and a \$100,000 fine.

He did not have to enter a plea

to the charge, but his lawyer said

Barry would later proclaim his

innocence. Barry was released

without having to post bond but

must report weekly for drug

Barry, 53, has led an anti-drug

In an affidavit filed with the

court, the FBI said Barry, who

had driven to Vista International

with his bodyguards in a

limousine, gave "a quantity of

currency" to someone in the

hotel room for the crack - the

drug at the heart of a national

narcotics menace.

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cocaine use and a related record

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Manila uses force to oust governor

MANILA (AP) - The government Saturday used tear-gas and anti-riot troops flown in from Manila to oust a provincial governor who defied efforts to suspend him for allegedly supporting last month's failed coup attempt, a radio report said.

Independent radio station DZRH said Local Government Secretary Luis Santos ordered soldiers to disperse some 10,000 supporters of Rodolfo Aguinaldo, governor of Cagayan province on the northern island of Luzon.

For several days, scores of

Aguinaldo's youthful supporters

had prevented Santos and Vice

Governor Melvin Vargas from

entering the Capitol Building at Tuguegarao, 320 kilometres north of Manila. "I will not allow the dignity of this office to get trampled upon by your governor," Santos said. "We will clear them (Aguinaldo's

supporters) up." DZRH said soldiers fixed several rounds of tear-gas canisters. Then, armed with truncheons and shields, the soldiers pushed the crowd aside to allow Santos, Vargas and military officials to enter the Capitol

Building. Santos swore in Vargas as acting governor at 9 a.m. (0100 GMT). Againaldo will have to serve a 60-day suspension while

being investigated in connection

with the coup attempt against President Corazon Aquino from Dec. 1-9, the radio station said. The station said Aguinaldo's

whereabouts are unknown. Colonel Emiliano Templo, the military's representative in serving the suspension order, said about 150 anti-riot troops were flown in to prevent bloodshed. Two battalions of combat soldiers. at least four armoured personnel carriers and several military trucks had ringed the Capitol building.

The supreme court upheld a government decision to suspend Aguinaldo because he allegedly thretened to send troops and tanks to Manila last month to support the latest attempt to oust But Aguinaldo's supporters

barricaded the Capitol grounds with vehicles and vowed to resist the order. On Thursday, Defence Secretary Fidel Ramos claimed Aguinal-

do had agreed to vacate his office

at midday Friday, but the governor said "that was not part of our discussion." Aguinaldo, a former lieutenant colonel with his own private army, said he would discuss his options with his followers. But

the crowd urged him to stay on. The government's ability to enforce the suspension is widely seen here as an indicator of the administration's resolve to punish participants in the coup attempt.

Indian 'free love' guru dies at 58

NEW DELHI (AP) — Osho Rameesh, the Indian guru who preached free love and laughter but ran afoul of authorities in several countries, died of a heart

attack Friday. He was 58. Followers at his commune in the southwest city of Poona celebrated his spirit's release with joyous songs and dances, his spokesman Swami Chaitanya Kirti said by telephone.

"Osho left his body at 5:30 p.m. local time (1200 GMT Friday). The doctors say it's aheart failure," he said of the portly mystic whose blend of Eastern philosophy, free love, pop psychology and hypnotic eyes attracted 500,000 followers around the world.

Celebrations started as soon as the news of Rajneesh's death was conveyed to 10,000 followers at the commune, Swami Prabhod

"Everybody is singing and celebrating," Prabhod said. "The

Osho had told us to celebrate when he left his body.

Rajneesh had switched from using the honorific Hindu word for God, "Bhagawan," a year ago in favour of the Buddhist term Oshso, which means "on whom the heavens shower flowers." Raineesh was cremated on the

banks of nearby river four hours after he was pronounced dead, Kirti said. His bier was carried by his disciples on their shoulders. Raincesh returned to his native India when he was deported from the United States in 1985 after pleading guilty to violating feder-

al immigration laws by arranging

sham marriages. A U.S. court fined him \$400,000, gave him a 10-year suspended prison sentence and ordered him to leave the country. His once-famous commune in the west U.S., the Rancho Rajneesh, was disbanded.

He returned to India but left a month later when the government deported 10 of his aides.

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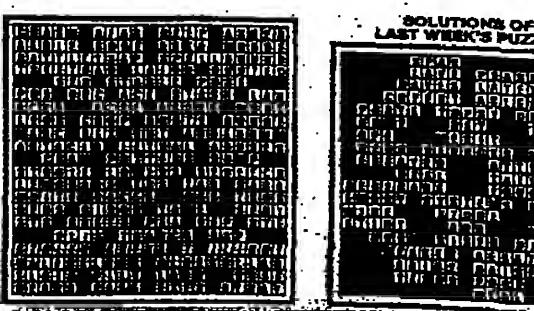
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LONDON (AP) - Some women have reported sexual fantasies after receiving sedatives used in oral surgery, and this may have produced false complaints of assaults against dentists, according to the Lancet Medical Journal.

"The fantasy-inducing qualities of benzodiazepines are only now being recognised," wrote the Lancet's legal advisor, Diana Brahams.

Her article discussed 41 cases in which women had reported fantasies, usually involving sex, after receiving the secative.

"In the past some doctors or dentists may have been wrongly convicted or disciplined for sexual offenses when the allegations stemmed from benzodiazepineinduced fantasies," Brahams wrote.

To protect themselves from charges of impropriety, dental

organisations have advised their members not to be alone with sedated patients.

Sexual fantasies on dental chair

"It's a guide laid down by the General Dental Council and the president, two years ago, citing recent ethical concerns made it very clear the role of the chaperone in the surgery was absolutely essential," said Sara Sleet, a spokeswoman for the British Dental Association, which represents 17,500 dentists.

The chairman of the Brirish Dental Association's ethical committee. Thomas Dowell, said that sexual fantasies were not a common side effect of benzodiaze-

"But it does happen and the possibility must be realised," Dowell said. "Dentists must make sure there is no possibility of suspicion of any malpractice on their part at all."

Cosmo Hallstrom, a psychiatrist specialising in tranquilizer addiction, said benzodiazepines are ideal sedatives since they make patients very sleepy and

blur impleasant memories. "It messes up your memory a bit," Hallstrom said. "We know people who start taking valium, which is a benzodiazepine, and sometimes go out and quite uncharacteristically shoplift because they are absent-minded." Doctors are not as susceptible

said, because procedures requiring sedation are usually done in hospitals where there other people are present. "Dentists are particularly valuerable because they are often working alone and fiddling around with the mouth." Hallstrom said. "The patients are in a

twilight, suggestible state and

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bra has slipped a bit or a button's undone -- because the dentist has had to pull a difficult tooth - and the patient puts two and two together."

This side effect of benzodiazepine was brought to the attention of the Lancet by Dr. John W. Dundee, who had details of 27 women alleging sexual fantasies while under the sedatives. Following his first report on the

phenomenon last year, Dundee

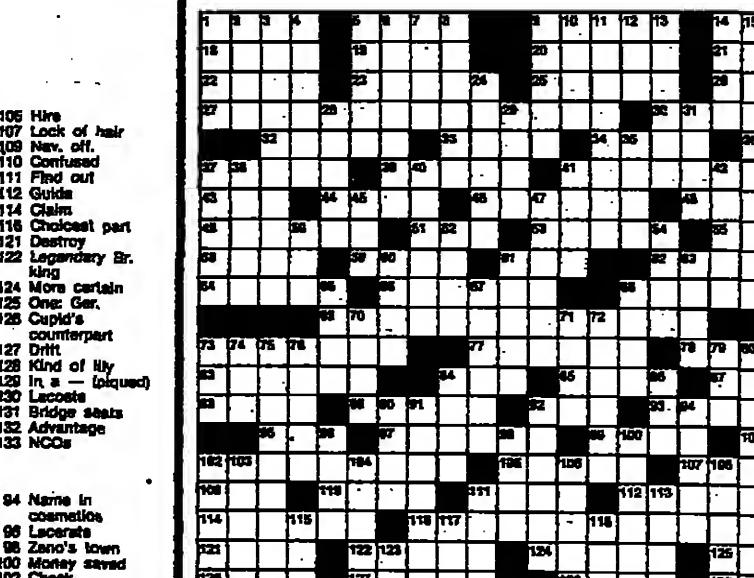
was contacted by 15 women who

also reported fantasies under

sedation, though not all of those

cases involved sex, Brahams said. "Dundee's investigations demonstrate that benzodiazepine infusions do occasionally produce sexual fantasies in women which may be very unpleasant and which, if not recognised as such, can have tracic consequences for the doctor or dentist," the Laucet

THE Sunday Crossword



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